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ITALIAN RESISTANCE BROKEN IN 26 HOURS

ATTEMPT TO ROB ENVOY ON TRAIN

Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy who arrived in Belgrade on Wednesday night, was received yesterday by M. Onetkovitch, the Yugoslav Premier, according to a Belgrade telegram received in Vichy.

Colonel Donovan told reporters he planned to stay two or three days in Belgrade and hoped to visit Prince Paul, the Regent, the Vice-Premier and War Minister, as well as other military leaders.

He declined to say whether he had a personal message for Prince Paul from President Roosevelt.

He said his mission had nothing in common with that of Mr. Sumner Welles who visited Europe last Spring as the President's special envoy.

Colonel Donovan will later visit Athens, Turkey, Palestine and Egypt, arriving in Egypt about the middle of February.

SUSPENDED SENTENCES

SUSPENDED SENTENCES OF 90 DAYS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE IN SAN FRANCISCO ON TWO SEAMEN OF THE U.S. NAVY WHO WERE CHARGED WITH RIPING DOWN THE SWASTIKA FLAG FROM THE GERMAN CONSULATE.

They will be handed over to the naval authorities who promised they would be "adequately dealt with."

The State Department has already expressed regret to Germany over the incident.—Reuter.

NEW MILITARY ATTACHE IN CHINA

Major-General Lancelot Ernest Denny, M.C., the new British military attache to China, arrived in Chungking from Burma yesterday morning by plane.

The assistant British military attache is expected in Chungking shortly.

Major-General Denny is now the second most senior military attache in Chungking, senior being the new Soviet attache, who arrived recently, Lt.-Gen. Chuykov, who was active in the Finnish campaign.—Reuter.

HEAVY RAIDS ON SICILY

Aerodromes in Sicily were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers during the night of Wednesday/Thursday.

A Middle East communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in Cairo yesterday says that at Comiso a quantity of incendiary and explosive bombs were dropped, causing explosions which continued for 20 minutes.—Reuter.

C.N.A.C. 'PLANE RUNS INTO THUNDERSTORM

AN EXPLANATION OF rumours that a C.N.A.C. 'plane had been forced down in Japanese "occupied" territory on Wednesday night were explained by the local office this morning.

It was learned that the machine, on the Hong Kong-Shiukwan service, left Hong Kong on Wednesday evening and encountered a thunderstorm before reaching its destination.

RAID ON THERUHR

The difficulties surmounted by British bombers in the successful raid on the Ruhr on Wednesday night can be judged from the fact that the whole of Western Germany was under cloud.

In spite of the great difficulty of the journey, the aircraft reached the Ruhr by 7.30 p.m. and for some two and a half hours attacked through gaps in the cloud and dropped many incendiaries together with high explosive bombs on industrial objectives in the Dusseldorf area.

Even when clouds moved across and hid the ground from pilots watching the growth of fires below, the sky still glowed with a suffused and reflected light.

A sudden opening came in the

As a result of the thunderstorm the radio apparatus was damaged and the pilot was forced to make an emergency landing to effect repairs as he realised that he prevailing weather conditions would entail a certain amount of risk if he continued the flight without radio communication with the Shiukwan aerodrome.

The machine resumed the flight at dawn the following morning without further incident and returned to Hong Kong this morning.

LITTLE DAYLIGHT AIR ACTIVITY

It was officially stated yesterday: "There has been very little enemy activity over this country to-day. Bombs have been dropped at three places on the coast of East Anglia. A few houses were damaged at two places. No one was killed and only a very few persons injured." — British Wireless.

clouds at the very moment of one particularly large explosion and the crew of an R.A.F. aircraft saw debris thrown high into the air.

Heavy A.A. fire met the British bombers but none was prevented from reaching its objectives. — British Wireless.

Anzac Hat Now Waving Over Tobruk

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Tobruk)

HAVING BROKEN DOWN ITALIAN RESISTANCE IN 26 HOURS CHEERING AUSTRALIANS HAULED DOWN THE ITALIAN FLAG IN THE CENTRE OF TOBRUK AND HOISTED INSTEAD AN ANZAC HAT.

The total of prisoners was estimated last night at 20,000, which includes the Metropolitan 61st Division, the peace-time garrison of the port, 1,500 members of the naval garrison and 700 of the crew of the sunken cruiser San Giorgio.

Military police and customs officials reveal that 100 civilian technicians and fishermen were also among the prisoners.

The garrison surrendered at 10.15 on Wednesday morning. Australian cavalry regiments in Bren gun carriers stormed the main road to the town, broke the steel and concrete sandbagged barrier and drove in. Met by a couple of bursts of machine-gun fire they promptly replied. Then the entire garrison surrendered.

I followed into the town with khaki-clad Australian infantry, men caked with dust from the Libyan Desert, burnt with the sun and with uniforms torn after days of strenuous fighting.

Forts Silenced

As I entered a gateway with the victorious Imperial troops (Continued on Page 16)

LATEST GALLUP POLL

A sharp increase in American sentiment favouring aid for Britain is shown in the latest Gallup Poll which follows President Roosevelt's recent "fireside chat" and Message to Congress.

The question asked was: "Which of these two things do you think more important for the United States to try to do—keep out of war ourselves or help Britain win, even at the risk of getting into war?"

Replies showed that 68 per cent favoured helping even at the risk of entering the war while 32 per cent favoured staying out.—Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct preservation processes. Three compartments in the unit provide three types of cold: a dry air compartment for maintaining meats, such as beef, as butter, milk and berries; a second compartment for food designed to generate cold for cooked meats, fish, vegetables, retailed meats, original flavour and the B vitamins. The third compartment is powered by a special air for quick freezing and is designed for frozen food and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Molar Cold Shell. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours. Another advance in the new refrigerator is the new steam door which is held open by a spring. On the first door, food is placed in shelves to hold food and is frequently used and changed. The second door, which prevents escape of cold air, is opened every time the refrigerator is used.

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Every model is within your reach, and the agents will be only too pleased to give you a demonstration without obligation. All you need to do is phone 27484 or 27017 (Hong Kong) or 56026 (Kowloon), or write for further information to the local agents, Messrs. Gilman & Co., Ltd., 4a, Des Voeux Road, C., Gloucester Arcade, or 132, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

Mechanised Units Play Big Part In Libyan Strategy

V.C. FOR JERVIS BAY HERO

An unusual tribute to the unknown heroes, dead and living, of the "Jervis Bay" epic was paid in a supplement to the London Gazette issued last night.

After announcing a series of awards, including two George Crosses and nine George Medals, the Gazette adds:

"Among those who went down with the Jervis Bay there must have been many, and among the survivors others, whose gallantry, were the whole truth known, deserved decoration.

"The above appointments and awards should be taken as an honour to the ship as to those who earned them."

The "Jervis Bay" was the armed merchant cruiser which was sunk while protecting a convoy of 38 ships in mid-Atlantic last November against attack by a German raider.

Her commander, Captain Fegg, who went down with the ship, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.—Reuter.

Cut Off One Vital Defence Post After Another

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Tobruk)

IT IS ALMOST impossible to exaggerate the important part played in the Libyan offensive by British mechanised units forging ahead and cutting off one vital strong post after another.

From the very beginning these units have hardly stopped moving. A famous tank regiment which I visited chased one Italian division right into Bardia.

In the course of this task they were subjected to formidable Italian air attacks. In one day alone they had 18 bomber and 15 fighter attacks but latterly such attacks have been entirely absent, owing to the fact that the R.A.F. had smashed up Italian aerodromes.

I was privileged to accompany a tank squadron on a day-light patrol.

Climbing up from a deep basin we gradually approached level ground and made a survey of many miles.

Pole Squatters

As look-out points against unexpected tank sallies, the Italians had established a series of pole squatters and look-out posts around the whole perimeter of the Tobruk defences.

A young officer told me, however, that many of the figures seen on these poles proved to be dummies.

Tank traps also proved formidable and many booby traps and hidden mines were also discovered.—Reuter.

C.N.A.C. PLANS FOR H.K. LINK WITH INDIA

Members of the China National Aviation Corporation left New Delhi yesterday for Calcutta in their own plane via Agra.

Their proposals to link up India with a direct air route to Chungking and Hong Kong are under examination by the Government of India.—Reuter.

GENERALS AND AN ADMIRAL CAPTURED

Up to yesterday evening, 20,000 Italian prisoners had been taken in Tobruk, together with a vast quantity of war material. On the Eritrean front the Italians were taking up defence positions 100 miles east of Kassala, which they recently evacuated.

The capture of Tobruk was completed on Wednesday night. G.H.Q. Cairo reported yesterday evening. So far, over 20,000 prisoners have been taken, including a Corps Commander, a Divisional Commander, two other Generals, an Admiral and several high navy and army staff officers.

Captured war equipment included 200 guns of all calibres.

Our own casualties were less than 500, announces G.H.Q. Cairo.

Our troops in Eritrea are in contact with the Italian defence positions between Bishara and Barentu, the communique continues. In Abyssinia, we are maintaining pressure east of Metemma, while on the Kenya front successful activity by our patrols continues.

11 Divisions Finished

With the elimination of two further Italian Divisions at Tobruk, no less than 11 Italian Divisions have been rendered ineffective since we began the "Western Desert" campaign on December 9th, and it is estimated that at least 100,000 prisoners have been taken in the course of these actions.

Three French units which took part in the battle are now said to have consisted of a detachment from Cyprus, considerably reinforced by effectives from Syria under General de Larminat.

These French units were also in the forefront of the attacks on Sidi-Barani and Bardia.

The Independent French News Agency states that the Free French forces in Egypt under General Catroux are soon to be reinforced.

87 Raids In A Day at Tobruk

R.A.F. bombers made 87 raids on Tobruk during the day which preceded the launching of the army's attack, and this played an important part in the capture of this Libyan port.

From dawn to dusk on that day R.A.F. bombers were almost continuously over Tobruk, while during the night Derna and Apollonia, further along the coast, were also heavily bombed in order to prevent reinforcements being sent up.

Apart from the moral effect of such bombings the R.A.F. apparently silenced a number of guns.

Fighter pilots also had little rest, maintaining constant patrols throughout the operations.

Despite all this activity the R.A.F. lost only three planes in ten days.—Reuter.

END OF FASCIST REGIME LOOMS NEARER

THE END OF THE Fascist regime is brought yet nearer by the fall of Tobruk, is the theme of London newspaper editorials on the latest success in Libya, which is hailed as another example of General Wavell's military brilliance.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes that the whole province of Gyrenāica is imperilled and our sea and air power much enhanced by the grip on Tobruk.

As for the rest of the Fascist Empire in Africa, important movements are proceeding swiftly on and beyond the frontiers of Eritrea and Abyssinia. It may not be long before Mussolini hears the passing bell of his Imperial ambitions and rule.

Where, Italy may well ask, were the squadrons of the Luftwaffe which were to change the fortune of war in the Mediterranean?

Fatuous Vanity

Describing Graziani as "this most unpugnacious of soldiers," the paper says that the futility of his strategy is doubtless not all his own but was partly imposed on him by the inefficiency of the Fascist system and the fatuous vanity of Mussolini.

He has been hopelessly over-matched by the British commander, General Sir Archibald Wavell.

The history of war records the names of few generals of equal success. In that most difficult of military arts—to extract the greatest possible advantage from victory.

The swiftness of movement and smashing power of each British blow in this Libyan campaign will long be examples.

Grand Strategy

Another nail has been hammered into the Fascist coffin, writes the "Daily Mail."

Wavell's campaign has had a far-reaching effect on the grand strategy of the war. It has caused Hitler to divert strong forces of bombers to Sicily in an attempt to break our mastery of the Mediterranean.

It has led to the complete subservience of Italy to the German Dictator.

Saying that the presence of Australians in Tobruk will be material for some "member of the Fascist thuggerie to turn round and blame the Italian people for lack of resolution," the "Daily Express" asks "How much longer will Italians swallow the shame of their rulers' incompetence, or hope for Hitler to save them?"—Reuter.

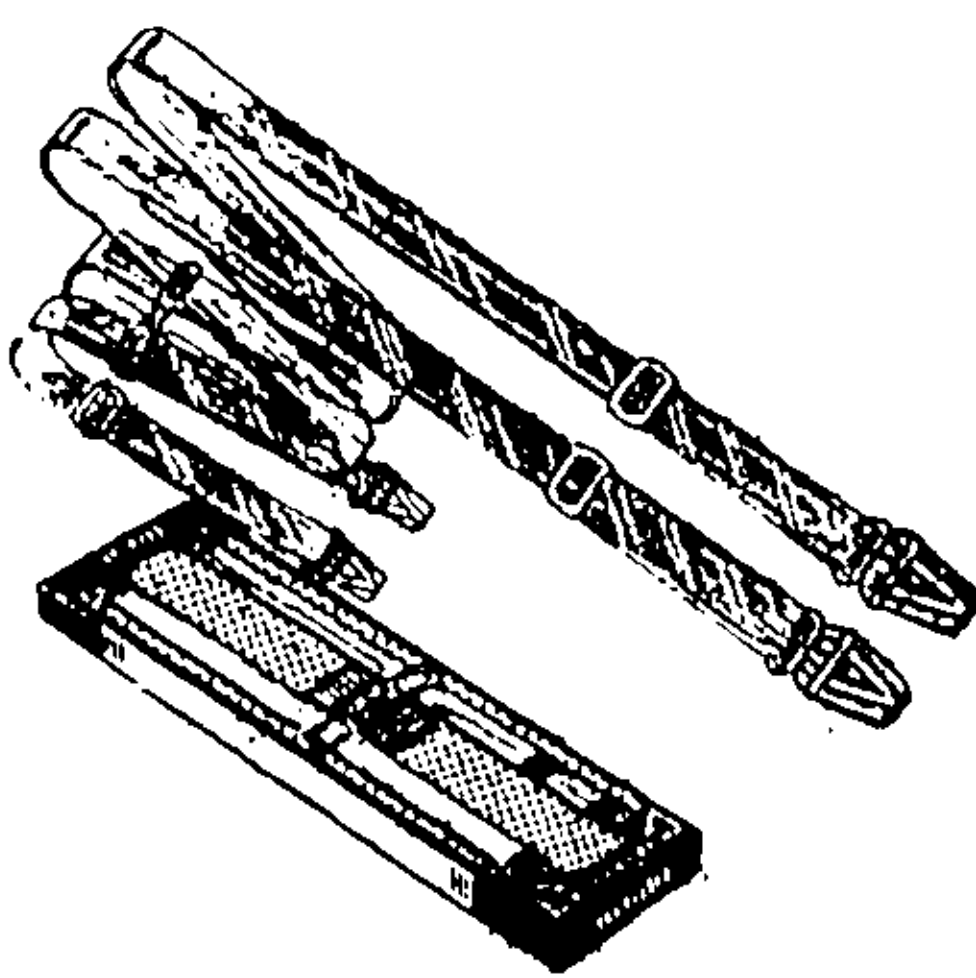
BARTER SYSTEM IN CHINA

The War Zone Economic Commission is encouraging the institution of a barter system between provinces producing salt and rice as a measure to regulate the supply of these staples.

Both Chekiang and Fukien are bartering salt for Kiangsi rice. Arrangements have been completed for exchanging another 80,000 bags of Chekiang salt for Kiangsi rice.—Central News.

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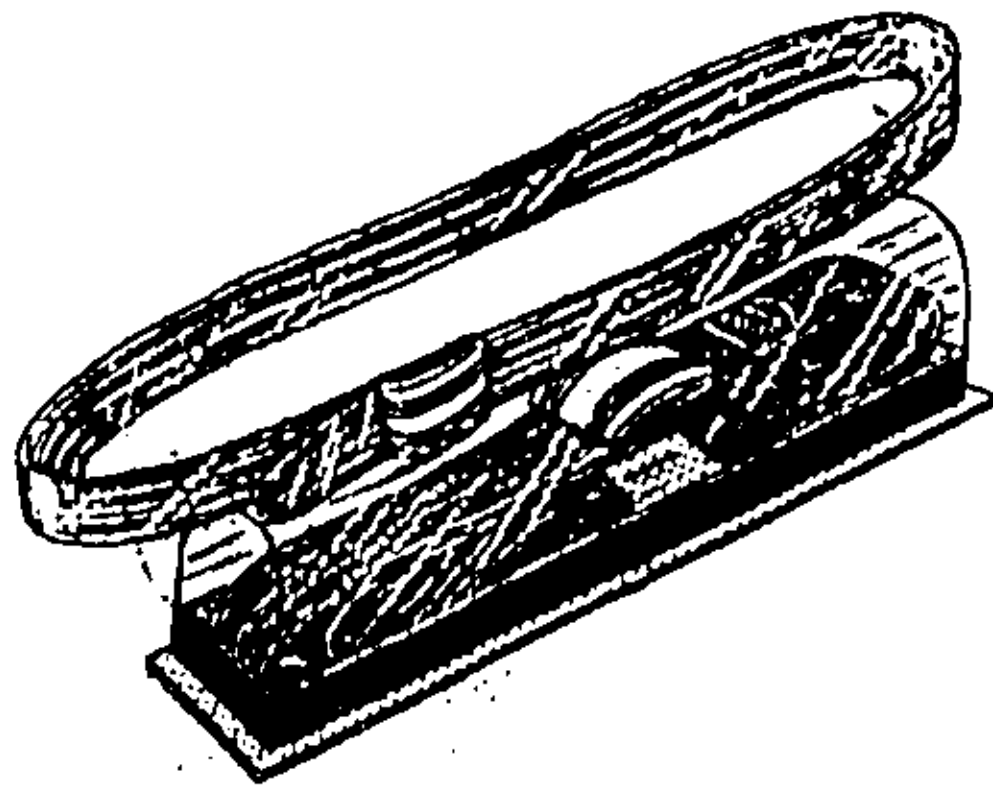


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Nazi-Controlled Press Impatient And Annoyed

Threats To Petain

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

NEWS FROM VICHY, OR RATHER PARIS, APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT THE SITUATION HAS NOT DEVELOPED AS THE GERMAN HOPED AND EXPECTED.

Although Marshal Petain has been officially reconciled to Laval for a week Laval has not been reinstated in the Cabinet, and the German-controlled Paris press is getting impatient and very annoyed, asking why Marshal Petain hesitates.

INDIA'S HUGE DEFENCE LOAN SUBSCRIPTION

The grand total subscription of the All-India Defence Loan up to January 18 was nearly 480,000,000 rupees, it was announced in New Delhi yesterday, says Reuter.

TROOPS IN CONTACT IN ERITREA

The Imperial troops are now in contact with Italian forces that withdrew from the Kassala area and which are now holding defensive positions, declared a Cairo communique yesterday.

The communique adds that operations continue to develop successfully.

Of operations in Abyssinia it says that pressure on the enemy east of Metemma is being maintained.

In Kenya offensive activities by Imperial troops continue.—Reuter.

DERNA HEAVILY BOMBED

Derna, in the Libyan Desert, was heavily raided by the R.A.F. yesterday.

Several tons of bombs were dropped on barracks and other military targets, causing large fires and explosions. Fires were visible 80 miles away.

Raids were also made on Apollonia.

Throughout the day R.A.F. fighters maintained a continuous patrol covering the army's advance.—Reuter.

MAHARAJAH'S NEW GIFT

A FURTHER MAGNIFICENT GIFT OF £37,500 HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE MAHARAJAH OF MYSORE FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLANES. The Maharajah has sent another £7,500 to the Lord Mayor of London's air raid distress fund.

The Paris press goes further, arguing that Laval was obviously a victim of intrigues which have now been exposed, and that it is time steps were taken against persons in the Vichy entourage responsible for the "criminal" agitation against the "saviour" of France.

There is at present no indication of Vichy's reaction to the tremendous German pressure in favour of Laval's restoration to a position of authority in the Vichy Government.

It is obvious, however, that Laval is now so discredited in French eyes that if he is forced upon the Vichy Government it will be regarded as a humiliation and will not make Laval or the Germans more popular.

Resilient Spirit

The whole episode strengthens the belief that the much more resilient spirit prevailing at Vichy is finding sustenance in the knowledge of British Mediterranean successes, while Admiral Leahy's interviews with Marshal Petain can have left no doubt as to the reality and magnitude of American aid for Democracy.—Reuter.

LINDBERGH TRIES TO CRAB AID BRITAIN BILL

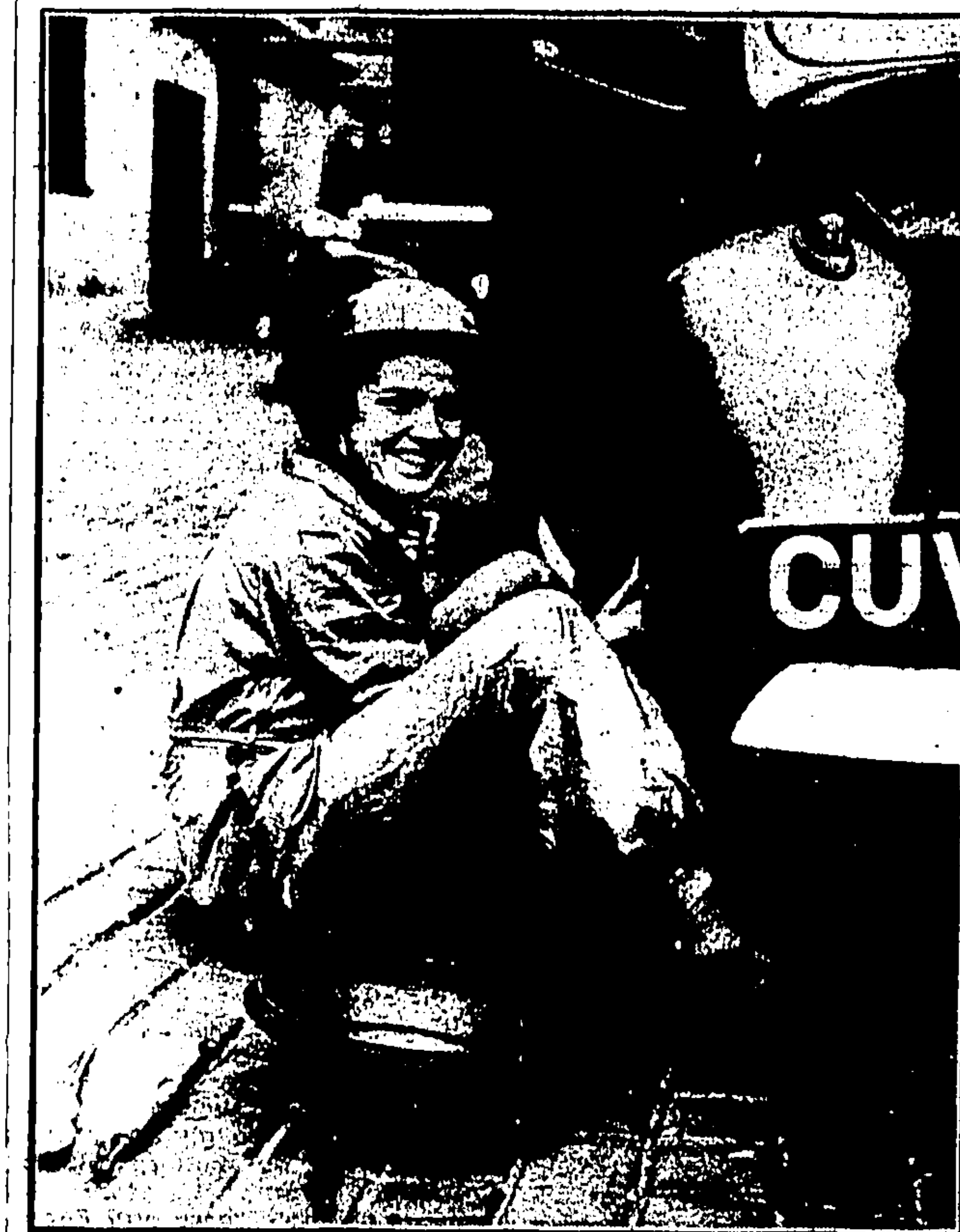
A LANDING OF TROOPS in an attempted trans-ocean invasion of the United States was "absolutely impossible," declared Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, testifying yesterday on the Lease and Lend Bill before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington.

Col. Lindbergh agreed, however, that trans-Atlantic bombing raids could do "considerable damage."

Col. Lindbergh said he did not believe there was any danger of the United States being invaded by sea or air as long as she maintained an army, navy and air force of reasonable size in modern condition, and provided she established bases essential for defence. Besides bases in Newfoundland and the West Indies, Hawaii and Alaska, Col. Lindbergh recommended the establishment of others in Canada, parts of South and Central America and the Galapagos Islands, while secondary bases might be established in Greenland.

10,000 Fighters

He said the United States would be wise to construct as rapidly as possible a total air force of about 10,000 thoroughly modern fighting planes plus reserves, though



Wheel changing is all in the day's work for members of the Women's Transport Service (the F.A.N.Y.) who are in training at Kerringham Park, Norfolk. (Fox Photos, Copyright).

AUSTRALIA TO MARK FALL OF TOBRUK

IN CELEBRATION OF THE FALL OF TOBRUK, MR. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, HAS ASKED CHURCHES ALL OVER THE DOMINION TO OBSERVE SUNDAY AS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE.

"We must not overlook the fact that although casualties were small, each casualty is a great blow to some family or circle of friends," he said.

Yet those who fell gave their lives in an action which will have

a great effect on the war and will cause great satisfaction in Australia.

COLONEL BINGHAM 'SACKED'

Colonel "Old School Tie" Bingham, who wrote a snobbish letter about Army officers to the press a few days ago, has been relieved of his post.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Captain Margesson, Secretary of State for War.

Captain Margesson said that Colonel Bingham, who was in charge of an officers' training unit, had committed a breach of the King's Regulations and, an expression of the Army Council's severe displeasure had been conveyed to him.

In addition, Captain Margesson had decided that Colonel Bingham was no longer suitable for the command of an officers' training unit and he had given instructions for him to be relieved of his post.

Colonel Bingham wrote a letter to the press a few days ago in which he expressed the view that in order to get efficient leadership of men it was necessary to train those from families accustomed to lead and who had "the advantage" of a public school education. Leaders from other classes of society were not suitable, he said. His views promptly received vigorous criticism in the Press of Britain.

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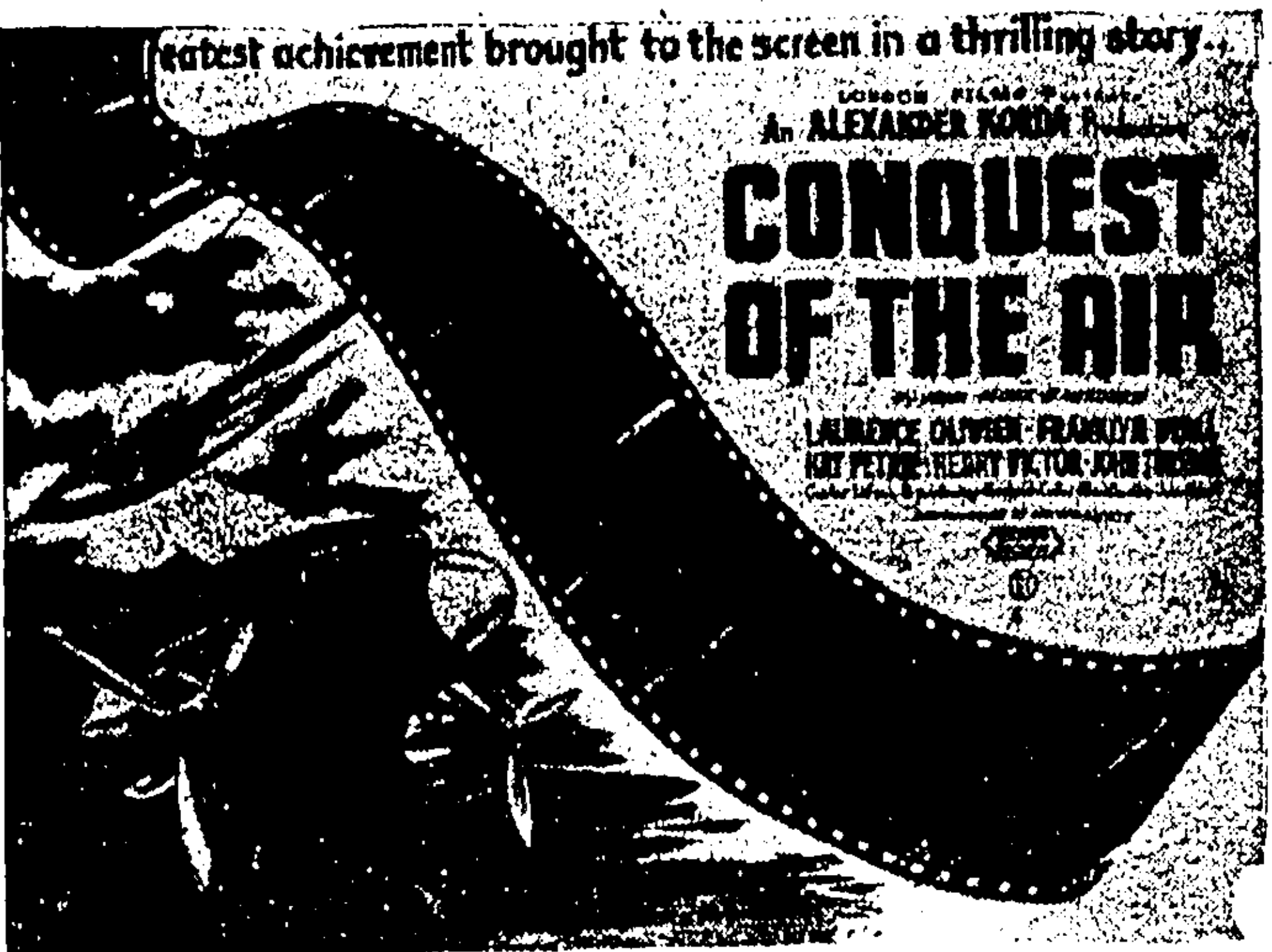
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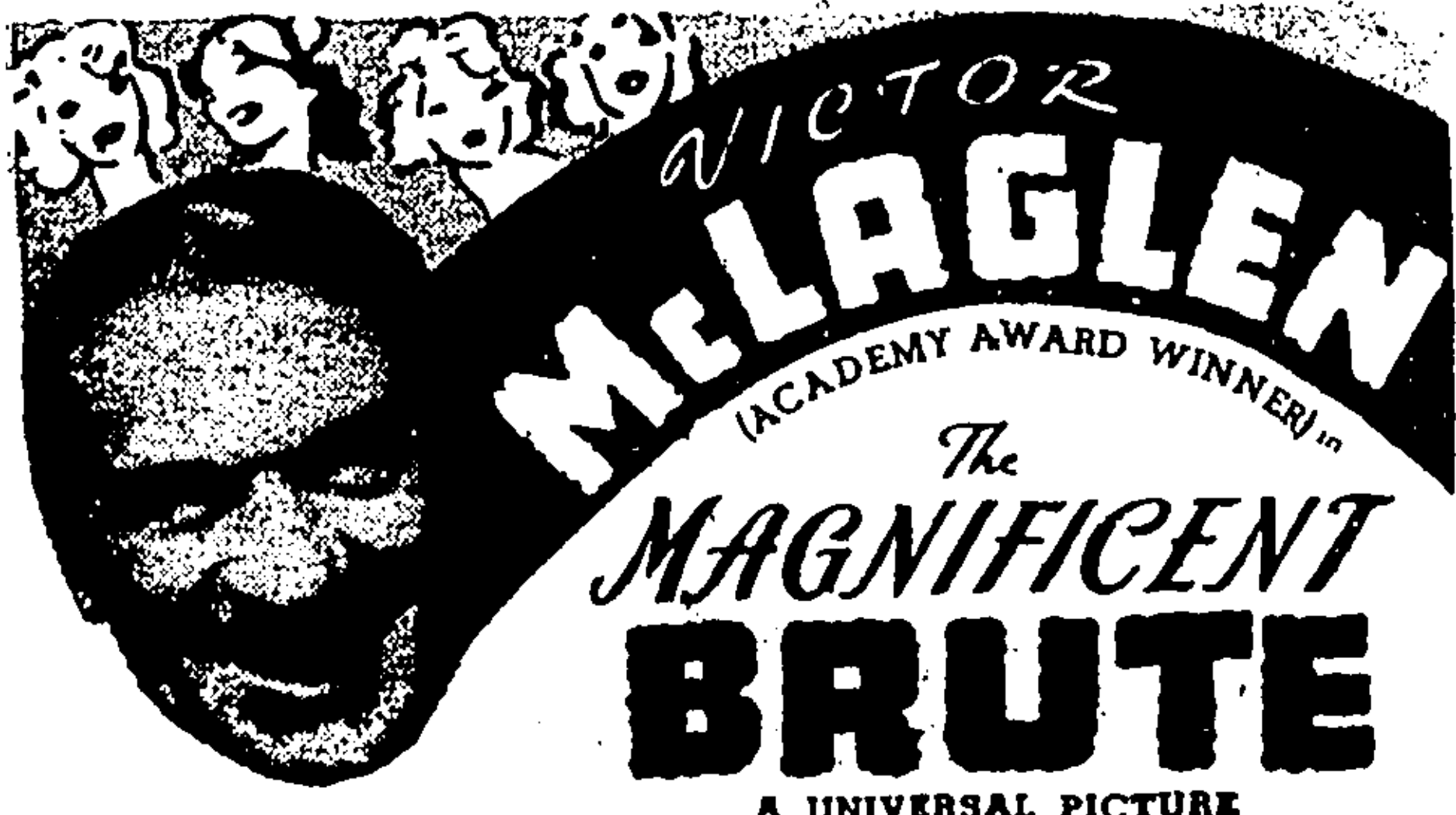


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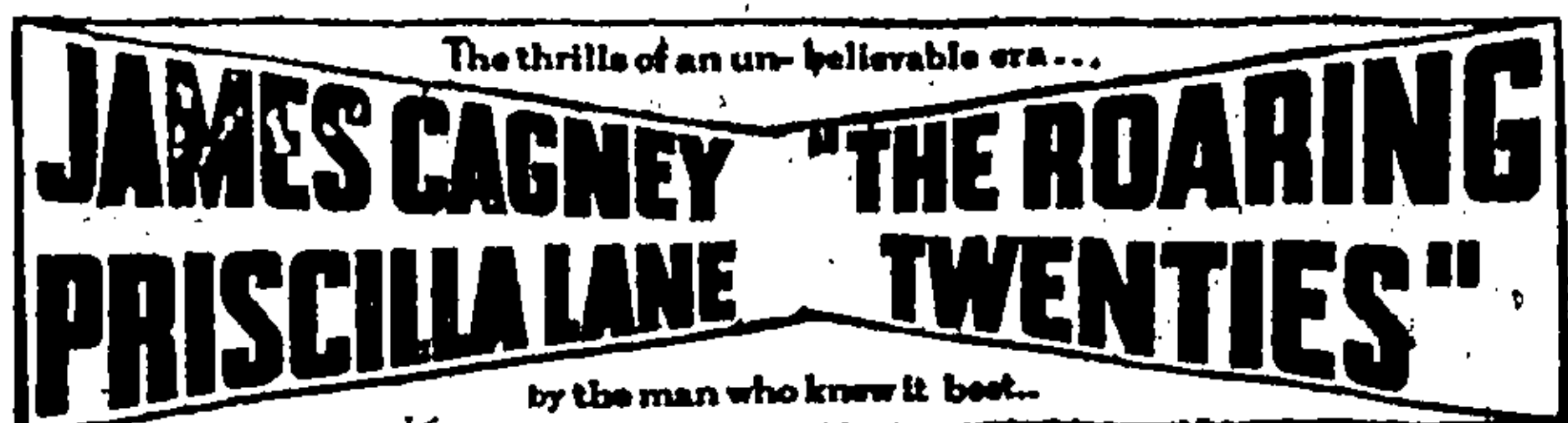
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BRITISH DOMINATION OF MEDITERRANEAN: NEUTRAL VIEW

THE "GOTHENBURG NYTIE" YESTERDAY DECLARED THAT AFTER THE BATTLE OF BARDIA AND THE QUICK OFFENSIVE ON TOBRUK THERE SEEMS HARDLY ANY DANGER THREATENING BRITISH DOMINATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The "Goetborg Posten" says that the possibilities of an Italian-German tiger spring from Sicily to Africa, taking Bizerta en route, seems at present fantastical.

The British are not quite without resources to meet such a spring but an expedition which now looks as fast as can be quickly, in a changed situation, be natural, if Germany abandoned plans of invasion of Britain as too risky.

Germany has weighed the alternatives and found a help for Italy via Sicily politically and militarily less risky, if not perhaps most effective.

Germany in such a case confines herself to giving pressed Italy help by making difficult British transport from the home and to Greece and Egypt. Absolute prevention can never be achieved because Wavell's army is provisioned mostly from Suez with Australia, New Zealand and India as sources of help.

Fleeing Everywhere

The "Handels-Tidning" says so much is clear that the Italians are retreating everywhere.

Italy's position as a partner of the Axis has suddenly weakened. That considerable German help has been sent to meet British progress in the Mediterranean shows the dangerous situation.

When Mussolini this time met Hitler his position was quite other than before. For every day that goes it is becoming all the more pressing for Hitler to regain lost Axis prestige in Albania and Africa.—Reuter.

WAVELL'S FIVE-DAY MARGIN

When General Wavell's forces began the brilliant drive through the desert into Libya it was imperative that they should take Sidi Barrani within five days; had they not done so the drive would have been off.

Reason for this was that the troops had only five days' water supply.

This was revealed last night in a broadcast war commentary from London by Major-General R. J. Colling.

General Wavell's original attack, he said, might have had to be one of the tip and run "v-v-v" — a mere raid though on a large scale.

"Without water none could have carried on. In fact, without the help of the Navy, who somehow managed to land stores and thousands of gallons of water at Sollum, I do not think it could have been done.

"Except for what they were lucky enough to capture during the advance there was no water at all between Mersa Matruh and Bardia, nearly 150 miles away.

"Water has been, and may be again, the crux of the whole show." —Reuter.

GESTAPO SWOOP

GESTAPO MEN HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO SEIZE THE FUNDS OF THE NORWEGIAN SHIPPING ASSOCIATION AND TO SEAL THE OFFICES.

On the orders of the Nazi Commissioner, Terhoven, the Association has been disbanded, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The Association president, Bjørn Hansen, and the managing director, Klameness, have been arrested for the second time since the German invasion of Norway.—Reuter.

CAPRONI BOMBERS DESTROYED

Three Italian Caproni bombers were destroyed by the South African Air Force in a midday raid on Yavello Aerodrome, in Abyssinia.

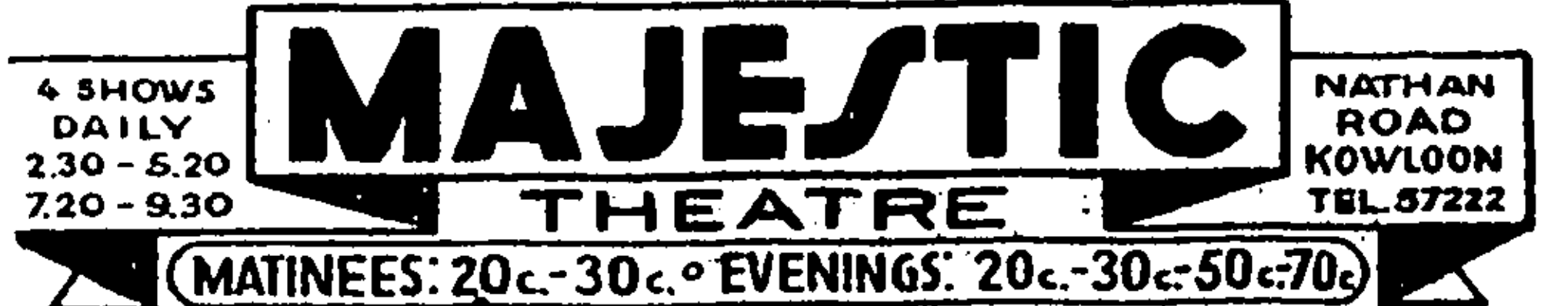
Following a reconnaissance, during which bombs straddled the main targets, two waves of aircraft went over.

The first showered high explosives and incendiaries on the aerodrome, scoring a direct hit on a Caproni which burst into flames. The second wave found a fire raging round two aircraft and scored a direct hit on a third, which also burst into flames.

One pilot dropped a salvo directly on a hangar while another pilot hit huts and barracks.

The raid was made by the same squadron which recently destroyed two Italian aircraft and crippled four more at the same aerodrome.

This squadron alone has already carried out 63 operations against the Italians.—Reuter.



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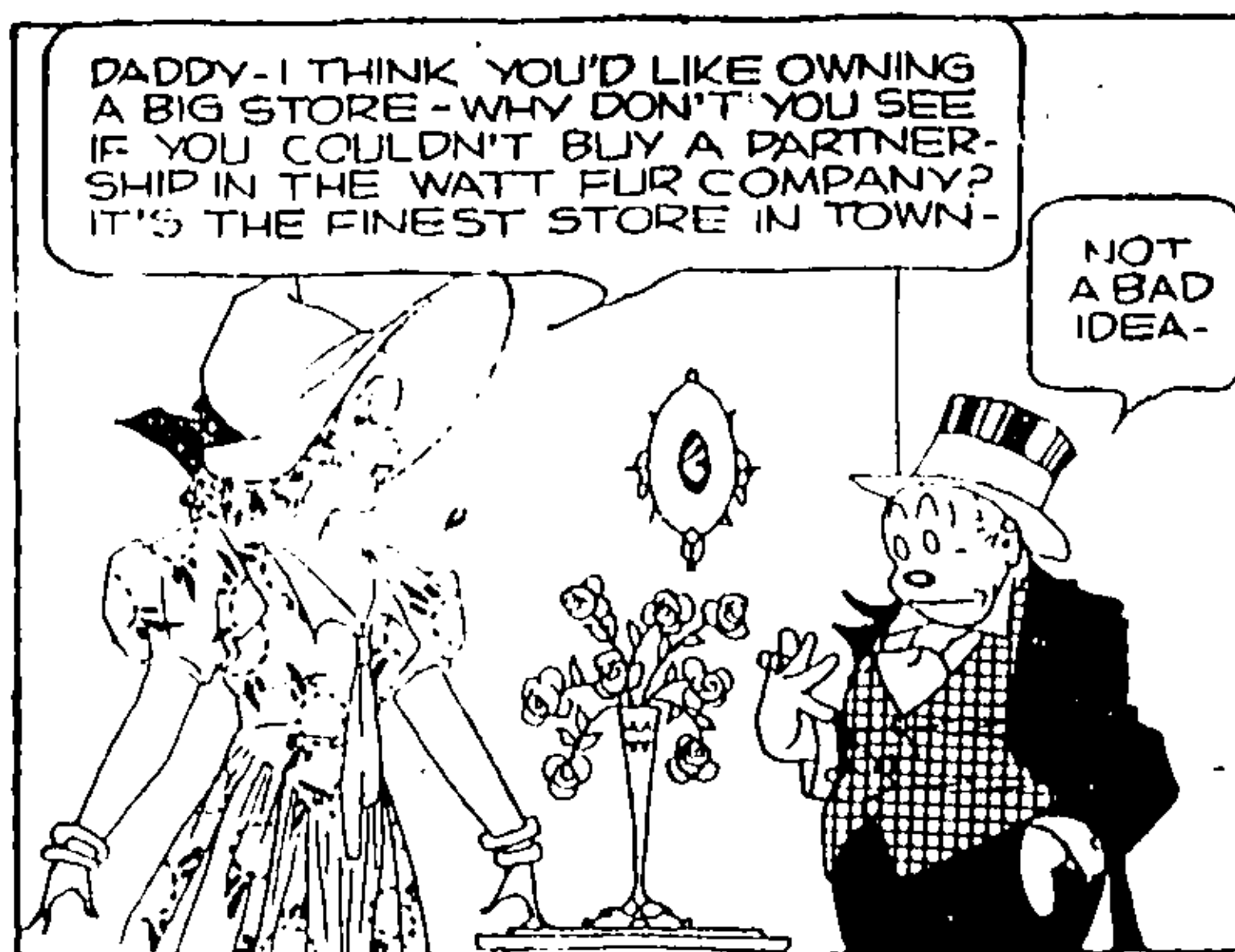
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21 To turn right
23 And not
25 High priest
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29 Bacteriologist's culture
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41 Confusion
42 Likely
44 Artificial waterway
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25 To recede
26 Malay gibbon
28 Toward the mouth
29 Indo-Chinese language
30 Thankful
31 Norwegian territorial division
32 Cereal grass
34 Paid notice
36 Chinese pagoda
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43 To-babble
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ANTONESCU BECOMES DICTATOR

General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, has proclaimed a military dictatorship, according to the Yugoslav newspaper "Vereme" in Belgrade yesterday.

Yugoslav reports quoted by Budapest radio state that General Antonescu is negotiating with the Iron Guard in order to clean up the situation.

It added, however, that the Rumanian radio has warned people against staying in the streets as the "disarming of detachments offering resistance may occasion some shooting."

Rumanian troops have already recaptured the Rumanian Broadcasting Company's building, according to some reports.

It is stated, however, that fighting still continues in Bucharest and other large towns.

Yugoslav circles in Budapest, the announcer added, expect a recrudescence of trouble in Rumania within a few days.—Reuter.

"Order Restored"

Bucharest radio announced at 1.15 yesterday afternoon (according to a Belgrade radio broadcaster) that order had been restored everywhere in Rumania.

The Bucharest announcer is said to have stated that the army is taking orders only from General Antonescu. — Reuter.

DESERT AIR BATTLE

In an engagement with a number of Italian aircraft one enemy monoplane fighter was shot down at Sidi Ugherreb, 28 miles west of Tobruk, and one of our aircraft was lost.

A night attack was made on Maritza (Rhodes) and many bombs were dropped on the aerodrome, causing fires among military buildings.

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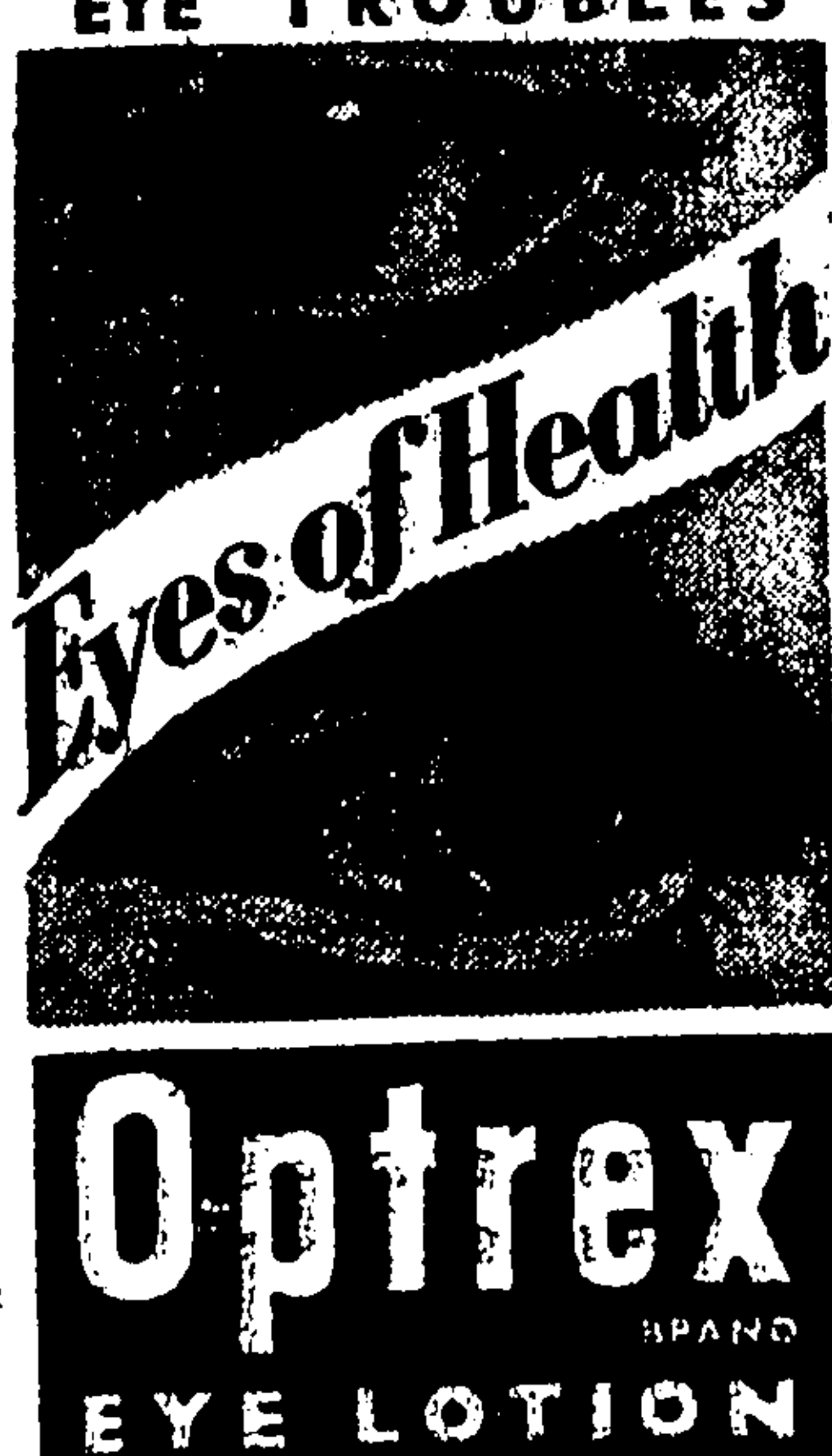
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U.S. SECURITY IS LINKED TO BRITAIN

THE FUTURE SECURITY of the United States depends on England's winning the war, a substantial majority of American voters believe, and their views are heartily in accord with those of President Roosevelt that the defence of America is closely linked with the defence of Britain, a new survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion has shown, according to Dr. George Gallup, its director.

"These facts are revealed in a cross-section study of public opinion just completed by the institute," Dr. Gallup reports. "The survey was an exhaustive analysis covering more than twenty aspects of the defence issue so far as public opinion is concerned. This report is the first of a series on the subject.

"To-day's vote indicates that nearly seven in every ten of the country's fifty million voters—or approximately thirty-five million—reject the idea put forth in some quarters that the fate of the British is no concern of ours and that the United States can get along without any trouble even if the Nazis win.

"On the contrary, the evidence from the survey indicates a deep public concern over the Battle of Britain and a belief that the fate of America is closely related to the fate of the English.

"Institute interviewers who conducted the survey throughout the country sounded the opinions of a cross-section of voters on the following question:

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"Do you think our country's future safety depends on England winning this war?"

"The results are:

Yes	68%
No	26%
Undecided	6%

"Institute surveys over the past two years have shown that the public has two basic aims in foreign policy—first, to keep out of war, and second, to give England every possible assistance short of actual armed participation in the conflict. To-day's survey results go far toward explaining why it is that the public wants to help the British.

"It is not for sentimental reasons, or because of blood ties and a common language. It is for the much more selfish reason that Americans believe their own future safety depends on British resistance.

Middle West Isolationism

"Not all Americans take this viewpoint, however. A substantial number—26 per cent—do not agree that the future of the country depends on a British victory.

"A special analysis shows that this sentiment is more pronounced in the Middle West—a traditionally isolationist section—than elsewhere. The chief reasons given by voters holding this view are that 'the country can take care of itself and doesn't need to rely on England for protection and that 'Germany would not be able to attack us'.

"Among the majority who do believe that the country's safety depends on Britain the chief arguments are that Germany would be free to come after the United States and to penetrate South America, if the British fleet were removed, and that our economic system and trade interests depend on a British victory.

Desire To Help

"The public's urgent desire to help Britain stems from another reason as well. The overwhelming majority of voters believe that, if the United States stopped sending war materials to England, the British would lose the war. A British victory, in other words, is impossible without our aid, in the opinion of the average American voter.

"The public was asked:

"If the United States stopped sending war materials to England, do you think England would lose the war?"

"The replies were:

Yes	85%
No	8%
Undecided	7%

"There is, however, virtually no defeatist spirit underlying the American attitude. When the President said in his fireside chat, 'I believe the Axis powers are not going to win the war,' he was reflecting the thought in the mind of the average American.

Invasion

"Any such prognostications are, of course, only guesses, which may or may not be proved correct by subsequent events. But the recent survey shows that, judging from the situation as it is today, the majority of American voters think a Nazi invasion of England will not prove successful.

"If Germany tries to invade England within the next year, do you think she will be successful in conquering England?"

Yes	11%
No	74%
Don't know	15%

"TOO TOUGH" FOR HITLER

Hitler had found this island "too tough," said Mr. Ernest Brown, M.P., Secretary for Scotland, speaking at Newhaven-on-Forth.

He told his audience of fishermen and fisherwomen that we had got to remain tough and use our toughness as a basis to break Hitler and his gang of terrorists.

TOBACCO FUND

THE OVER-SEAS LEAGUE HAVE MADE AN APPEAL THROUGH THE BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND, HONG KONG, FOR COLLECTIONS ON BEHALF OF THEIR TOBACCO FUND FOR THE FIGHTING FORCES.

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Such monies will be forwarded to the League in due course.

DOCTOR OPERATES IN U-BOAT CHASE

HEALTH OF BRITAIN'S mercantile and naval seamen is far better than it was in the last war.

Doctors attached to the Royal Naval Medical Service are convinced that this is due to the better medical treatment which is now given to all ranks of the Navy.

The brunt of this war at sea has been borne chiefly by destroyers and small craft.

Amputated

It is in these types of ships that the young officers are serving. Many of them, who only 18 months ago were young house surgeons and physicians, are now doing magnificent work. Here is one story.

A seaman got a wire round his leg when assisting to put out a paravane over the ship's side. He sustained a complicated fracture. The young M.O. had to make up his mind whether to amputate or try to save the leg.

He decided to try to save the man's leg with an operation, in spite of the fact that a U-boat was lurking in the vicinity the captain ordered the ship to slow down to 10 knots.

Just as the operation commenced the captain had to order "Full speed." Operating in the sick bay was extremely difficult because of the terrific vibration. But the M.O. carried on and was successful.

They Like It

A comparatively recent development of the Medical Service of the Royal Navy is the Dental Service. When the Great War broke out the ship's doctor was often the dentist.

By the time that war had finished it had been found that there was an enormous amount of truth in the saying that "the mouth is the gateway to health." And from that time the Navy has built up a most efficient Dental Service.

It is said that the average sailor is far less afraid to go to the dentist than the civilian.

BAGGED BY SOUND

Two South African Air Force fighter pilots pursued three Italian bombers by sound and shot one down.

Dusk in the failing light in Turkhana wilderness made it difficult for the South Africans to follow three Capronis.

Bombs dropped by one of the Italians enabled the fighters to detect his course.

Three attacks by the fighters silenced the Caproni's guns. Later it crashed.

This feat of air warfare was described in a message from Nairobi. Three machines in all were shot down.

Eleven Italian airmen were captured, including five from the wrecked Caproni.

Aimed High—Hit It

While on patrol in the Mediterranean a section of Skuas sighted a Cant 500b float plane.

These Italian planes are armed with three heavy machine-guns.

The leading aircraft fired a few short bursts in the hope of a lucky hit which might slow down the Italian plane.

It was extreme range and the Skua aimed high to get added elevation.

To the pleasure and surprise of the pilot, he secured hits and the Italian craft slowed down. The attack was pressed home and the float plane dived to sea level and surrendered.

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JAPAN'S POLICY

The speeches of Mr. Matsuoka, Prince Konoye and Mr. Kawada, the Finance Minister, change nothing, do nothing to improve the delicate international situation or to worsen it. There was more bellicosity about Mr. Matsuoka than Prince Konoye, and rather more concern expressed by Mr. Kawada regarding the outlook than in the speeches of the Prime Minister or his Foreign Minister.

Not one of them indicated, however, any change of direction in Japanese policy; the emphasis was upon further sacrifices to prepare Japan to meet the crisis.

Nevertheless, the reactions of Japan as a whole to the general situation hardly seem to support the view that she will precipitate any violent action which might extend the war to the Pacific.

With what expectations she entered into her pact with the Axis it is impossible to say with certainty. Probably she considered that some good might come as a result of it and that no harm could, unless by further action she brought it on herself.

She has China on her hands, and is now entering on the fourth year of a war in which she has not yet made any decisive progress. Her economic position is precarious. Russia watches her with a far from benevolent eye. The prospect of a conflict with America cannot be attractive to her.

The chances are that, having made an ugly face to Britain and America, she will now walk softly for a time. The Japanese statesmen, politely sucking in their breath as they speak, will explain in Washington and in London that they never did intend any violence and, for a while at least, their assurance will hold good.

The eyesight of Japanese statesmanship and the big business which finances war has always been pretty keen when directed to the jumping of the cat.

HITLER'S MOVE

Speculation on the Hitler-Mussolini meeting still centres upon the decision reached regarding the direction of the next Axis stroke. Observers are torn between two lines of approach. There is the estimate of Hitler as a gambler, ready to risk all upon an attempted invasion of Britain's shores, in which case he would not

What Is The Secret Service Doing?

Wildly paradoxical as it may sound to some, it is proper for a secret service to be secret, and for its activities to be concealed.

Its existence cannot be concealed, for every schoolboy knows, as Macaulay used to say, that each country has its agents of espionage in every other country, and also agents at home to counter the machinations of foreign spies.

But it is faithful to its role the only occasions when its existence should exert a remark is when a wide-awake watcher of events reading between the lines (for that is where the important news is usually discoverable) spontaneously comments on an enemy move anticipated or frustrated, "that must have involved some clever secret service work."

Unfortunately during this war circumstances have not often prompted us to utter compliments of that kind. Maybe if we were in closer touch with the facts we should realise that we are giving our Intelligence less than its due.

An organisation whose worth depends on the secrecy with which it acts obviously cannot publicise its successes in justification of itself. Nor can it answer criticism however ill founded or wide of the mark.

On that account fairness demands that suggestions that possibly it is not doing as well as it might should not be lightly advanced, especially as they will make agreeable hearing for the other side.

It has seemed on such evidence as is available that rather too frequently during this war our Intelligence has locked the stable door after the steed has been stolen.

Worse still, it has sometimes seemed that the door has not been locked even when the thief had proclaimed his intentions about the removal of the steed.

permit himself to become too deeply embroiled in the Balkans or in rescuing Signor Mussolini. There is the other Hitler, determined to secure all strategic points before turning to the more vital task.

Suggestion, therefore, still is that he may move through Rumania into Bulgaria and Salonika, with the ultimate aim the control of the Straits of Gallipoli.

Hitler is involved in a desperate race against time. He knows that Stalin will not in the least like to see him in effective control of the Straits, and that if he could he would do something definite about it.

Hitler may be betting that he can carry out his plan before Stalin is ready to move. If he can carry it out at all, he is possibly right. But it is by no means certain that he can carry it out at all, and he is adding very heavily to the contingent penalties of failure.

The difficulties on the way are by no means negligible. The alteration of the relations between the two Dictators in the Mediterranean contains endless possibilities of future friction.

So much so that Major Milner proposes to ask some questions about our Intelligence when the House meets again.

During the war of 1914-1918 our Intelligence had some brilliant

achievements to its credit, and it was universally acknowledged to be in every branch of it second to none of its rivals.

In this war, so far as the layman can judge, its record is undistinguished. It has not, from all appearances, supplied the Government with early information about any major scheme or opera-

tion (diplomatic or military) that was on the Nazis' agenda. Nor has it laid a Mata Hari or a Von Rintelen by the heels.

Perhaps such dramatic figures are like the cavalry anachronisms, perhaps totalitarian warfare offers no scope for the exercise of their peculiar talents.

Yet when one recalls what happened in Poland, Norway, and the Low Countries, it outrages credibility to contend that under the ubiquitous and resourceful Gestapo there are no successors to the Mata Haris and Von Rintelens today in Britain, rubbing shoulders with us in the street, the train, the restaurant, and the cinema with cars always vividly on the alert for information that might be grist to Himmler's mill, and passing as people as harmless and loyal as you and I.

For their service also is secret. For them, too, the condition of their survival is that they should not be suspected for what they are.

If there are spies and few, I imagine will doubt it - are we equipped to outwit them?

It would be comforting to believe that we are, but there are disturbing stories in circulation of intelligence officers who are such only by courtesy title and who owe their positions, not to merit, but to push or influence.

The bulk of these stories may, of course, be the idlest chit-chat of gossip dinner table, but some of them ring true.

Moreover, it cannot be gainsaid that two or three brilliant investigators with vast experience in detecting and defeating cunning and unscrupulous malefactors of all sorts have - surprisingly - not been recruited to pit their practised wits against the enemies of the country as they have pitted them against the enemies of society in peacetime.

If this is an accurate portrayal of the situation, to permit its continuance would be a crime - nothing less - against the people of the Empire and most particularly against the Empire's fighting men.



The American Role

Senator Wheeler would have the United States government intervene in the war with an eight-point programme for the settlement of European questions. Thus, in point one he believes that the "working basis" of "a just peace" would be the restoration of Germany's 1914 boundaries. But in point three he believes that Alsace-Lorraine, which in 1914 was German, should be restored to France. In point two he proposes the restoration of independent France, Holland, Norway, Belgium and Denmark. But he does not mention Austria, which in 1914 was not within the German boundaries. His general idea is that the United States should sponsor a territorial settlement in Europe based not only upon the renunciation of all the Nazi conquests, but upon the acceptance by Germany of the thesis that, as regards France, the victory of 1918 is to stand and the defeat of 1940 is to be forgotten.

Senator Wheeler may think he is proposing a settlement which is so reasonable that it might end the war without further fighting. But in fact he is proposing a set of territorial war aims for the Allies which require not only the total defeat of Hitler but the dismemberment of greater Germany.

It is a curious thing that a professed isolationist should think it desirable for the United States to intervene in Europe for the purpose of fixing the territorial boundaries of European states. The President, happily, has known better. He has known better than to repeat the mistakes of 1918 when the United States, instead of realising and then proceeding to fulfill its true role in the world,

found itself entangled in the parochial boundary disputes of central Europe. For what Senator Wheeler is now proposing is the very thing which caused us to lose the peace that we helped to win by our victory in the war: once we had taken a position in favour of one frontier and opposed to another, we had either to underwrite and police the specific settle-

ment we had helped to impose or wash our hands of it and of all further effort to maintain the peace of the world.

The President's conception of our role in the world is, as his address made so clear, to make the United States the citadel of freedom, impregnable amidst the two oceans, and in this citadel to make America the arsenal for all those on the other shores of the oceans who fight now for their independence or will later on rebel against tyranny. We help Great Britain, China, Greece and their allies now with all the means at our disposal, and we create here in this continental fortress the weapons which will, come what may, guarantee the survival of freedom and its final victory.

For tyranny can never win a final victory, can never consolidate its conquests, can never establish a new order of dominion, and slavery as long as there is an America which is itself unconquerable, which never acknowledges the defeat of our civilisation, never ceases to support freedom men and make available to them an inexhaustible supply of the things man must have to resist and rebel and revive.

In this conception of the American role in the world our principal

task, if we are to be the arsenal of democracy, is to develop here a capacity to produce arms and munitions of war superior to the total productive capacity of Europe. No smaller programme than that is sufficient. We shall not have done what may be needed to win the war, and what will certainly be needed if the war is not won, unless we take as our objective the capacity to build and outproduce the whole of Europe.

We are able to do that. We operate in time of peace—leaving out Russia's uncertain new capacity—about one-half of the great industry of the world, and our potential capacity is far greater than anything we have yet made use of. For the production of weapons of war our potential capacity is, as compared with all of Europe and Japan besides, enormous. For nowhere else in the world is there a workshop like the American—one which cannot be bombed, one which has sure access to raw materials, one operated by free men, not by sullen and rebellious and sweated slaves, one so trained to the use of technological improvements and mass production.

We are, moreover, a people who often do small things carelessly. For little things do not interest steadily these people used to continental spaces. But great projects we carry out with a fervor that is lighted by the greatness of our aim and by the conviction that what is done in this immense land must be done on a large scale. The President must know this. He must know that the more he asks the more this nation will produce—that only if he fails to set the task greatly will the people fail to respond enthusiastically.

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To-day our main army has advanced over 220 miles from railhead and 400 miles from its base. It has swept forward in one of the most brilliant series of victories in the history of war.

CATHOLIC CLUE TO INACTION

The fact that not all relevant foreign balances in the United States have been frozen to prevent the Axis countries from using their American balances is largely due to a delicate situation involving the Roman Catholic Church, according to well-informed sources in New York yesterday.

It is understood that when the Administration was considering freezing foreign funds, the Catholic authorities in the United States pointed out that this would disclose the amounts Rome received from the United States and would also prevent their transfer to the Vatican.

It is felt that this situation can be overcome.

The effect on Axis funds of the freezing process that would follow would be to limit or reveal their employment for purposes inimical to the United States.

There is considerable sympathy for Britain on being obliged to reveal her entire financial position but the frankness with which Britain complied undoubtedly helped her cause.—Reuter.

On Tuesday, after a preliminary bombardment, our troops assaulted Tobruk, which is 76 miles on from Bardia, and according to all reports this operation has been carried out with the same skill, courage and success as at Bardia and Sidi Barrani.

The toll of prisoners goes up and once more British arms on land and sea and in the air have triumphed in a further remarkable success whilst our armoured forces have already been reconnoitring at considerable distances west of Tobruk.

Lord Croft summed up the lessons of the campaign in Africa.

Vital Concomitants

"They prove once more the immense value of sea power. They prove that with perfect staff work and cooperation between the three Services the British race can still achieve the apparently impossible in war."

They prove that our modern army, when fully equipped, can move with great speed, that with armoured divisions well handled we can perform all true cavalry functions with a tempo immensely quickened and with the distance of striking power amazingly lengthened, and that air power for reconnaissance, counter-attack and support of infantry can make a great contribution to the success of our arms.

Air attack and tank attack are vital concomitants in modern warfare on land and their support and cooperation have been of the greatest aid in Libya.—British Wireless.

BELGIUM PRO-BRITISH

Pro-British programmes are to be broadcast twice daily to Latin-America from the Belgian Congo's official wireless station at Leopoldville.

The Belgian Legation at Mexico City reiterates that despite Belgium's surrender the Belgian colonies will continue the war at the side of Britain.

—Associated Press.

ITALIANS AND LOSS OF TOBRUK

The Italian press yesterday made a valiant effort to minimise the importance of the fall of Tobruk.

Newspapers stressed the view that the capture "cannot substantially change the course of the war" and declared Italy was resolved as ever to fight on until final victory was achieved.

In descriptions of the great battle emphasis was laid on the bravery of the Italian defenders "who fought against greatly superior forces upon whom they inflicted serious losses in men and material."—Reuter.

POSTPONED

It is announced that owing to unfavourable weather, the function at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, in connection with the opening of the new tennis courts, arranged for to-morrow, has been postponed.

N.E.I. REPLY TO MR. MATSUOKA

THE FIRM STAND of the Netherlands East Indies against any interference with their sovereignty was reaffirmed in Batavia yesterday by Jonkheer van Mook, Director of Economic Affairs.

Commenting, in an interview with Reuter, on Mr. Matsuoka's speech in the Japanese Diet, van Mook said he failed to understand what Mr. Matsuoka meant by "a situation which has hitherto thwarted relations of good neighbourliness" with the Japanese.

"Our relations with Japan have been promoted in the same manner and zeal as those with other countries," van Mook declared.

Discussing Mr. Matsuoka's statement that "if only for geographical reasons" the Netherlands East Indies should be in intimate and inseparable relationship with Japan, van Mook said the economic structure of the East Indies made it necessary to promote trade relations with both Allied and neutral countries alike on the largest possible scale.

He added that despite the war 90 per cent of the East Indies export income was derived from other than East Asiatic countries.

That proved, he said, that the mere geographical situation was not a deciding economic factor.—Reuter.

'DEAD' SON SENDS MOTHER LETTERS

A WOMAN IN LOS ANGELES GETS LETTERS EACH WEEK FROM HER SON, WHO HAS BEEN DEAD SIX YEARS.

She is Mrs. Anna Colombo, who was so ill that her doctors decided she would not survive the shock of her son's death.

So they decided to keep the news from her. Her other children have therefore been writing her letters, signed "Russ"—who was a radio and film star—and telling her how well he is doing on Broadway.

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The Q.M.'s got what was coming to them at one of the biggest combined Army and A.T.S. centres. It was easy for them to throw two pairs of pants and woollen vests into the arms of a soldier and say, "Scram."

But they couldn't sling a khaki suit at an "A.T." It was no use ordering her to pick up the first pair of boots in sight and telling her to "swop" them if they didn't fit.

Jested—Gave Up

"Bundles of women's undies had been coming into the stores for a long time," a staff officer of the Army Ordnance Department told a reporter.

"The boys made jests and wondered what was going to happen at the clothing parade.

"There had never been a parade like it before in the Army.

"The Q. M.'s Staff began well. Then they became embarrassed. In the end their bravery vanished.

"Finally they told the girls to take 'two of each' and no more and hid their heads until that part of the parade was all over.

"The girls will never forget that scene.

"They enjoyed it. They dived among the shelves like women rushing at drapery sale time."

Women in Charge

This scene in the Quartermaster's stores taught the Army a lesson.

Generals decided that in future women must be in charge of a store for women only.

Then someone had another idea. "Women could supply men with clothing without a blush," it was suggested.

"Why not staff the department with women, retaining only a few men to do the heavy work."

That would free more men for the fighting units.

So now Britain's fighting men have their battle dress issued to them by women.

**PROFITEERS
PAY £2,400**

In what was described as the worst case of its kind, two men were fined £1,000 each for egg profiteering.

Fines totalling £2,480 were imposed at Glasgow Sheriff's Court on Glasgow egg merchants, who admitted buying eggs from Ireland at prices above the maximum, and selling at more than the fixed price.

Max Schonbach and Benjamin Brazil, directors of the Egg Market Co., Ltd., of King Street, were fined £1,000 each; Peter McCabe, Ltd., of Clyde Street, was fined £400; Henry Healy, of Oxford Street, was fined £50; and James McGread, of Golsple Street, was fined £30.

The Procurator-Fiscal, Mr. James Adair, said the case of Schonbach and Brazil was looked upon by the Ministry of Food as the most serious of its kind so far reported.

Ireland, he said, became one of the principal sources of supply, and "something approaching a ramp developed."

While the Egg Market Company were direct importers, they were in the favourable position of being also retailers, so that they had the retail profit, too.

**RESPECT
FOR OUR
BALLOON
BARRAGE**

(By A Correspondent)

Nazi airmen have a healthy respect for our balloon barrage. This is the conviction of the R.A.F. and sailors who control the barrage off our coasts to prevent enemy mine-laying.

To reach the R.A.F.'s floating village, you hop aboard a speedboat, which whisks you through lanes of warships and convoys until the river meets the sea.

Instead of trim Villas, you find rows of barges and drifters riding at anchor. These are the homes of the R.A.F. "sailors." They control the balloon barrage off our coasts to prevent the enemy mine-laying in shipping lanes and to protect convoys when they come to anchor off port.

Visitors Rare

It seems that visitors never come to the balloons afloat.

"D'you know, you're the first caller we've had since we began the job last November," said a 19-year-old corporal who is "skipper" of the R.A.F. crew on this ship, which had the encouraging name of Constant Hope.

The R.A.F. postman is the most popular man among the balloon crews at sea. Letters from home make up for the monotony of the job. Sometimes Jerry comes over to pot at the balloons, but he always stays high otherwise we might get a chance with our guns. He has a healthy respect for the balloon barrage whether it be on land or sea.

Scurry Back

The bombing of London by night would be very much worse if the Nazis could repeat their dive-bombing terror which brought Warsaw in particular, to surrender.

Just as we were speaking we heard the chatter of machine-guns. On deck, we saw a Nazi bomber scurrying back into the mist from which he had peeped before attacking one of the drifters with his bullets.

**MAN BLOWN ON
TO ROOF**

A council inspector walking in the street was blown 15ft. on to the roof of a bank and badly injured by a high explosive bomb which fell in a London shopping centre.

**FORTUNES
TO U.S.
RACKET**

An international currency racket is smuggling tens of thousands of pounds out of Britain.

A loophole in Britain's currency control has been found through which fortunes are being systematically smuggled to America.

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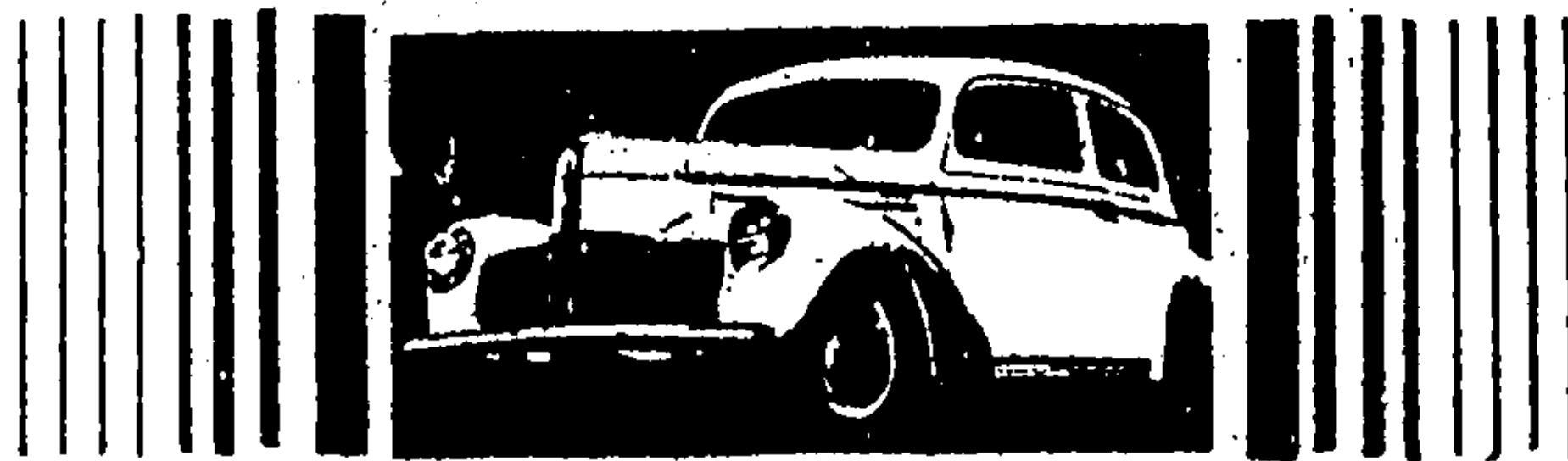
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Water Authority.
Public Works Department.
Hong Kong, 23rd Jan., 1941.

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WOMEN DEFY BOMB TO SAVE MEN

Here is a story of heroism under fire—of a sailor's mother and a soldier's bride going to the war while their men wait in the reserve lines.

When they learn from the press of the courage and devotion to duty shown by their women-folk there will be no prouder members of the Forces than Able-Seaman Leslie Elliman, twenty-year-old son of Mrs. Dorothy Elliman, of Wooton-crescent, Bristol, and Sergt. Sidney Jones, of the Tank Corps, newly wed husband of Mrs. Joan Jones, formerly Miss Evans, of Newbridge-road, Bristol.

Mrs. Elliman, aged forty and the mother of four children, and Mrs. Jones, aged twenty-one, bride of a fortnight, were on duty as volunteer nurses in a first aid hospital in works which were recently bombed during an air raid.

Learning that a trench shelter had been hit in the works they dashed out of cover and for five hours worked in the open amid bombs and flames, pulling wounded, dead and dying men out of the collapsing ruins of the trench and giving them injections to ease their pain.

Then they went back to their jobs.

This is Mrs. Elliman's modest account of the "battle" in which she played so heroic a part.

"I am really an inspector at the works, but for over six months, in my spare time at night, I have been going regularly to a hospital to learn first aid.

"When the air raid alarm went I ran to our hospital in the works. Before I could even get my coat off they carried in an injured man.

Saved Wounded Man

"They laid him down facing the hospital door, and Nurse Jones, one of the regular nurses there, asked me to support him while she fetched some water to bathe his head. Just as she returned a bomb fell close at hand.

"We both threw ourselves on top of the man and fortunately no one was injured.

"My back hurt rather—caused by the blast—but just then a man was carried in crying that many people were trapped in a trench I slipped on my apron, but did not wait to get a tin hat. I just grabbed some swabs, caught hold of Mrs. Jones to help me, and together we ran across about thirty yards of open ground to the trench.

"It was a terrible sight. The walls of the trench were collapsing and the A.R.P. squads who were trying to get the buried men out could not use spades for fear of cutting someone.

"They had to dig with their hands. They went on for hours.

"Meanwhile, I managed to burrow head first into the trench, pulling people out and giving first-aid when I could do so.

"Several times bombs exploded nearby, but I cannot say I noticed them. I was too busy.

"Mrs. Jones was just behind me the whole time, handing me syringes and so on. She is so young that I tried to shield her from the worst sights.

Young Mrs. Jones was loud in her praise of Mrs. Elliman, but said little about the part she herself played in rescuing the buried men.

BRIDGE NOLES

MAKING THE SLAM

By The Four Aces

An inference drawn from the bidding gave South the clue to the winning play for his Slam contract:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ K Q 10
♥ Q 6 2
♦ J 10 8 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ 6 4 3
♥ 9 6
♦ K 9
♣ A 10 9 8

6 2

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♠ 7 2
♥ J 10 8 4
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ 7 4 3

♠ A J 9 8 5
♥ A K 7 3
♦ A Q 5
♣ K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♣	2♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Ace of clubs and continued the suit, dummy winning with the Jack while South discarded the low diamond. Before continuing with the play, South did a little realistic thinking.

Whenever it seemed safe, he would be able to take another diamond on dummy's card.

Queen of clubs. If the hearts were going to break 3-3, he did not need a heart discard so should discard the Queen of diamonds.

But if the hearts were not going to break, the Slam might depend on a successful diamond finesse.

But West's overall practically marked the location of the diamond King: West could hardly have made his overcall with just a shabby club suit and not the slightest side strength.

Finally, South evolved a good campaign for the contract. He cashed the Queen and ten of trumps, then led the Queen of clubs, discarding the diamond Queen from his own hand. Next he led to the diamond Ace and returned to the dummy via the heart Queen. The next step was to ruff a low diamond, and when West's diamond King dropped, the rest was easy. If the King of diamonds had not dropped, South intended to cash the top hearts before drawing the last trump. Then he would make the Slam if

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the hearts broke 3-3, or if the last trump happened to be held by the defender who held four hearts.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 8 7 5 2
♥ K 6
♦ K 4
♣ A 10 2

The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	You	Schenken
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Even though your partner has a minimum opening bid, his hand fits spades, and you have a fit for his diamonds. There should be an excellent play for game, so you should not risk missing it by bidding less than four spades. Score 100% for four spades, 70% for three spades, 40% for two no-trump, 20% for three no-trump.

Question No. 622

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 10 4
♣ 10 9 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	You	Jacoby
1♦	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED



"He's sure hanging on to his birth certificate—he's afraid somebody will mistake him for an alien!"

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This friend is the Army's Railway Transport Officer. Every station has its R.T.O., known with gratitude by thousands of girls of the A.T.S., the W.A.A.F., the W. R. N.S. and the N.A.A.F.I., as well as soldiers.

They know that the R.T.O. is the man to look for in case of any difficulty — he is father and mother to them all.

One R.T.O. on a big north of England railway station told a reporter:

"I've got some funny children to deal with. They lose their railway warrants and their money, miss trains, get into the wrong ones, and even lose themselves.

"Often they are wandering about with nowhere to go until someone says: 'Go and see the R.T.O.' Sometimes they have nothing to eat, and I have to provide them with a meal on the spot and a snack for the journey.

"The girls look after themselves better than the boys and give me a lot less trouble. They don't get wandering about so much and miss their trains.

"On this station we have special sleeping accommodation for women."

EVACUEE 'CRASHED' HOLLYWOOD

First of England's child evacuees to "crash" Hollywood and win a start on the road to stardom is Roddy McDowall, aged twelve, who crossed the Atlantic, amid bombings, in the liner Scythia recently.

Roddy has been assigned a leading role of Huw Corbett in the film version of the novel, "How Green Was My Valley."

His mother, Mrs. W. L. McDowall, said Roddy appeared in sixteen films in England, but they arrived in Hollywood with their money almost gone.

"My father stayed behind," said Roddy. "He runs a lorry, and he's got to move explosives for the Government and get the Jerries out of the air. He'll do it, too."

HOME HIT AS FIANCEE DARED FIRE

(By A Special Correspondent)

Time after time, a pretty blonde ran into a bedroom of a blazing hotel during an air raid, risking death to rescue the belongings of her airman fiance.

Not till the flames enveloped the floor and sections of the roof were collapsing did Freda Ledster, aged twenty-three, give up.

Then, a sky-blue great-coat slung over her shoulders, she went to the home she had prepared for her wedding in a fortnight's time.

It was crumbled to dust — one of the bombs rained on Coventry in the "worst-ever" raid had shattered it.

Throughout the week-end, when she was able to leave her work in a big factory, Miss Ledster searched in the wreckage in the hope of salvaging some of the furniture.

She had not been able to break the news to her flying officer fiance. He was away on operational duties.

"I could murder Hitler for this," she told a reporter. "Everything we had saved for and collected has gone. My trousseau, three suites of furniture, carpets, curtains—everything."

Premonition

"Still it's no use crying over spilt milk. We have ourselves and that's the main thing. I hope we shall still be able to get married on the 30th but I'm told the register office has been wrecked too."

She said she was having a meal at the hotel, at which her fiance stays, when the raid started. The building next door was fired, and the flames quickly attacked the roof of the hotel.

"I raced upstairs to my fiance's bedroom," said Miss Ledster, grabbed the new uniform he had had made for the wedding, his coat, and bundles of other things.

"All through that dreadful night, I had a premonition that our home had been wrecked."

Waving her hand over the mass of debris, she added: "You can see just how true it came."

MINISTRY'S RISKS WITH WAR JOBS

"WE HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN GETTING PERSONNEL TO MAN OUR EVER-GROWING ESTABLISHMENT, AND WE HAVE TO TAKE ONE OR TWO RISKS."

This statement was made at the Old Bailey by Mr. J. W. Ivimy, principal in the establishments department of the Ministry of Supply, when an assistant inspector in the ordnance division of the Ministry was sent to prison for nine months.

The sentenced man, Harris Alan Cuthbert Hodgson, thirty-nine, was accused of passing worthless cheques.

When Mr. Ivimy said that Hodgson had been appointed to a £700 a year post on July 11, the Recorder (Sir Gerald Dodson) asked if the Ministry knew then that proceedings for the cheque offences had begun.

Mr. Ivimy said they did not. Hodgson had been appointed after being interviewed by two responsible officers.

Recorder's Advice

"You might make it your business," said the Recorder, to inform the gentlemen who interviewed this man that if they had taken up his Army references they would have found at once that they were employing a man who had already received a sentence for dishonesty.

"It would have been simple to get his Army record, and that would have disclosed the whole situation and saved a scandal. You might inform these two gentlemen to be a little more wide awake in the public interest."

Mr. Ivimy added that Hodgson began duty on July 12. The two interviewing officers obtained highly satisfactory personal references, but they did not discover that he had been sentenced in India for dishonesty.

An officer with such technical experience as Hodgson had was very valuable to the Ministry, and they had no hesitation in appointing him.

On November 13 he was given notice terminating his appointment because of "the unsatisfactory nature of his service," which included his efficiency, the fact that he had absented himself without leave, and certain money affairs in the inspectional department.

The Recorder: I am not surprised to hear that.

"Astonishing"

Mr. Ivimy said Hodgson's employment was terminated as from October 12.

The Recorder: It is astonishing that the Ministry, with all its resources, did not know that he had been committed for trial on July 12 and that nobody informed them. I hope we can rest assured that he will receive no more public money, either £700 or 700pence.

Mr. Ivimy: That is so.

For the defence, it was stated that Hodgson was on the way to leading an honest life after his "slip" in India. Only £30 was involved. He had been suffering from neurosis.



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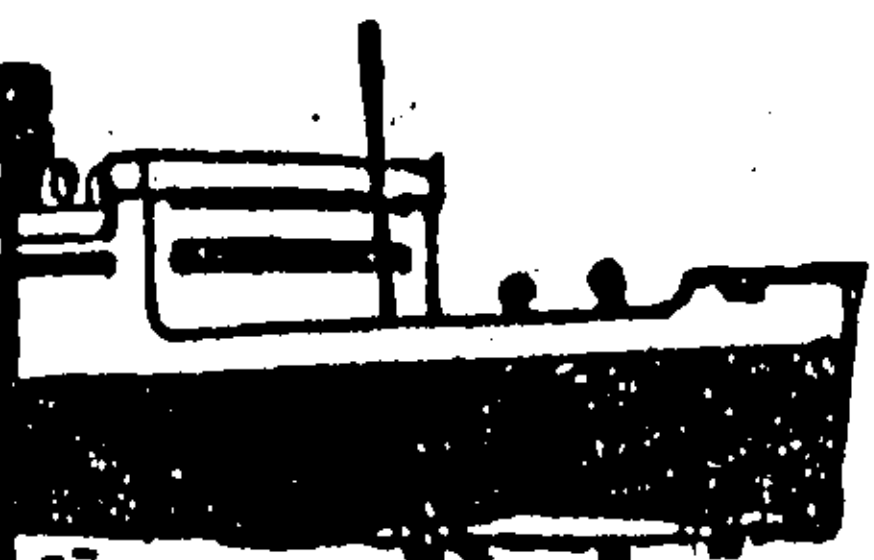
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ments.
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Organ.
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land.
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BADMINTON PAIRINGS

BADMINTON NOTES

K.C.C. Beat St. John's On Seventh Game Of Evening

Henry Eardley Badly Missed By Losers

Norman Smith In Fine Form

By "Adrem"

WITHOUT HENRY EARDLEY, FORMER SHANGHAI CHAMPION, ST. JOHN'S WENT DOWN BADLY TO KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB IN "B" DIVISION OF THE BADMINTON LEAGUE ON WEDNESDAY.

I say St. John's lost badly and this will probably surprise many who noticed that the margin of victory was only one game. Actually, however, K.C.C. won the match on the seventh game of the evening, although they lost the remaining two.

K.C.C. led 2-1 after the first round and 4-2 after the second.

There is no gainsaying the fact that it was Eardley's absence that enabled K.C.C. to win. David Kwok, who was partnered by E. Kennard, was faced with a hopeless proposition and although he made strenuous efforts and was one of the outstanding players of the evening, Kennard's inexperience was obvious and concentration on him usually led to success. This pair did extremely well to beat J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones.

lines and a concentrated short game would have had the effect of keeping Wilson occupied and Smith more on the defensive.

Guest and Zimmern, on the first occasion that they have paired off, did very well and their defeat of Kwok and Kennard, which, I believe was rather unexpected, clinched the game for K.C.C.

Interesting Struggle

Two of the weaker teams in the Division, Jewish Recreation Club and Victoria Recreation Club, had an interesting struggle, the latter just emerging victorious by the odd game. There was not a great deal in the players individually but the experience and speed of D. N. Xavier and Sidar Rumjahn, who won all three games, proved the deciding factor. For the losers Talan and Jack Odell were in great form, winning two games and only losing the third by the narrowest of margins.

In the only other game played, St. Andrew's had little difficulty against Police and only dropped one game, this being secured by former St. Andrew's player, Gilles, and Gordon.

The fixture between King's and Recreio was postponed as, owing to injuries, the former team were unable to field a side.

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. to-morrow on the Navy ground:

Seconds, 3 p.m. — Cleggett; Grant, Railton; Saxby, Tomlinson, Gorman; Macey, Olson, Dormer, Fancey, Banks.

Firsts v. Nomads, 4.15 p.m. — Cleggett; Taylor, Couricoff; Jordan, Coombes, Waldron; Spencelayh, Spare, Hitchcock, Morhan, Dunne.

"ATTABOY" SHIELD MATCH

The annual bowls match for the "Attaboy" shield at Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be held on the Club greens on Monday.

All Members intending to play are asked to note that they must be present and sign the list in the Club by 10 a.m. on the day of the match.

KWANTI RACE MEETING

Following are the entries and handicaps for the February race meeting, to be held at Kwanti on February 2:—

The Shataukok Hurdle Race (1½ Miles)—Classic Hall (160), Dow-Jones (160), Jack O'Lantern (160), Mortmain (165), Rob Roy (160), Three Farthings (160), Venture (160), Viber (160), and Zero (165).

The Lo Wu Handicap (Six Furlongs)—Arabian Cat (159), Gallant Marshal (147), King's Envoy (135), Lucky Eleven (150), National Liberty (149), Plain View (135) and Wild Bear (135).

The Queensland Handicap (1½ Miles)—Brutus (168), Colorado Star (152), Glorious Star (162), Kiola (140), Sea Urchin (162), Spectram (140) and Teviotdale (155).

The Kwanti Cup Handicap (One Mile)—Amber II (150), Clree (159), Colorado Star (137), Dick Turpin (140), Schmetterling (135), Sea Urchin (135), Surprise Again (143) and Tarzan (135).

The San Wal Handicap (One Mile)—Double Chance (140), Emergency Call (144), King's Worthy (148), Phoenix (151), Royal Highness (148), Royal Wedding Eve (159), Talkative (137), The Leopard (143), The Tigress (135) and Wilber (146).

The Lo Wu Handicap (Six Furlongs)—Ascot Vale (159), Dekko (145), Desert Star (153), Dow-Jones (135), Heddon (150), Lancashire Chap (151), National Success (159), Palmer (159) and Zero (151).

Special Sweep

In connection with the Kwanti Cup Handicap, a special Dollar Sweep with a limit of 100,000 chances is being run. The cost of a through chance is \$10, including the Special Sweep.

Tickets can be obtained at the Cash Sweep Department, No. 17, Connaught Road, Central, top-floor.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLE

Recent publication of "B" Division Badminton League tables in these columns has inadvertently omitted to split up the tables according to sections.

Here is an amended table:—

SECTION "A"									
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	G.	Pts.		
King's	3	0	3	21	6	6			
Chung Wah	3	1	2	19	8	4			
Recreio	3	1	2	17	10	4			
V.R.C.	3	2	1	8	19	2			
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	26	0			

SECTION "B"									
	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	G.	Pts.		
K.C.C.	4	0	4	23	13	8			
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11	6			
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2	18	18	4			
St. Andrew's	4	3	1	17	19	2			
Police	4	4	0	7	26	0			

HEAVY FORWARDS FAVOURED

Navy have selected their Rugby Sevens team for the Tournament, on 15th and 22nd February, and they are as follows:

"A"—Honeywill; Paul and Carter (Capt.); Bowden; Winter, Watson and King.
"B"—Morahan (Capt.); McGill and Kennedy; Rutherford; Poole, Longmuir and Eager.

RESERVES—Wilson, Skinner, Palmer, Hughes and Gallagher.

A third team may be entered at a later date.

Practice matches have been arranged, the "A" team meeting the Bank at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, and the "B" an Army side on the same day at 4.45 p.m.

The presence of Naval Volunteers in the Navy teams has caused a surprise, as it was thought they were competing as a separate unit, and has also greatly strengthened Navy's chances of succeeding Club as winners of the Blarney Stone Shield.

They have made sure of three heavy forwards to get the ball back, but McGill, Poole and Eager, all of whom are fast and sound tacklers, may be missed by the "A" team before the Tournament concludes.

SWIMMING EXHIBITION

At Y.M.C.A. Swimming Pool yesterday Rikkyo University team, on their way back to Japan after a visit to the Philippines, gave a swimming exhibition before local swimming enthusiasts in an attempt to better records set by the Japanese Far Eastern Olympic Swimming team in 1934.

One record was broken by Seitiro Oura, who returned a time of 2 mins. 27 secs. for the 200 yards breast-stroke to better the mark for the "Y" Pool set in 1934 by Reizo Koike.

Oura bettered Koike's time of 2.28.2.

Sigeo Arai, third in the last Olympic Games, failed by a fifth of a second to better Masanori Yusa's "Y" Pool record of 53.2 seconds for the 100 Yards Free style.

Tutomo Hiraga, swimming the 150 yards breast-stroke, was quite far off the figures set by Kawatsu in 1934 in the "Y" Pool, but in returning 1 min. 46 secs. swam the first 100 yards in 68.8 seconds to better the Colony record.

Tosio Honma could not better 5 minutes for the 440 yards free style, but was not far off. Shozo Makino's mark of 4:58.2 for the same pool. Honma covered the first 220 yards in 2 mins. 22.1 secs. to better the Colony record of 2 m's. 25 secs.

In the last event Hiraga, Oura and Arai swam the 300 yards medley relay in 3 mins. 16 4/6 secs.

SEQUEIRA'S SUCCESS

C. M. Sequeira won the senior championship of Section "A" of the Kowloon Chess Club yesterday, when he defeated H. A. Samuel. In another match, K. Weiss defeated G. S. Coxhead.

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Army Sporting Personalities

Local Record Of Lieut. Coombes

Some News Of Home Boxing

By "Squaddy"

LIEUT. Coombes of Royal Army Medical Corps is a fine all-round sportsman, and has represented both his Unit and the Army at Rugby and cricket.

He is a member of the England Rugby fifteen (Hong Kong) which defeated Ireland in the International series last week. He is a dangerous player when in possession and takes a lot of stopping.

He is one of the Army's best centre-threequarters or halves in fact and has a strong kick.

On one occasion, playing for Combined Small Units, he converted a try from 45 yards out easily clearing the cross-bar.

He also represents his Unit and the Army at Cricket, his best scores to date being 109 not out against the Club when playing for the Royal Scots, 76 not out against the Club when playing for the Wanderers, and 104 not out against the 5th A.A. Regt. A.A. when playing for the Medical Corps.

ON Tuesday Cpl. Harvey, the local Army individual billiards and snooker champion, was beaten by A. P. Pereira of the Hong Volunteer Defence Corps by 42 points.

Harvey won two frames out of the three, but Pereira won on points.

In the first frame Pereira easily won by 96 points to 15, and it looked very much at this moment that he would overwhelm Harvey. The latter, however, managed to rally to win the next frame by 69 points to 58, and the last by 62 points to 28.

The Snooker competition for the shield recently presented to the Area Sports Board Billiards and Snooker section by Messrs. J. A. Windsor and Co., will be competed for as a League which will commence not later than February 1.

Entries close for this competition on January 28.

So far the following teams have entered: Corps Military Police; Royal Army Medical Corps; Royal Corps Signals (Cpls. Mess); Corps Signals 'A' Team; and the Royal Engineers.

It is hoped that one or two teams will be entered from the Gurners, but the Royal Scots might not be able to enter owing to camp.

AT Sookunpoo on Tuesday Royal Engineers beat Royal Scots in the final of the Small Units' Rugby League by nine points to nil after leading by three points at the interval.

The Sappers have to thank Birrell for their victory. He scored all three tries, despite the handicap of the wet and muddy ground. The Scots were inclined to fly kick at the ball, which on many occasions went to the Sapper forwards.

The Large Units' Rugby League will commence next week, the first games being down for Wednesday. Subsequent games will be played on Tuesdays at Sookunpoo.

HERE are the leading Army goal scorers in all Association Football Leagues; Fox of the Engineers, and Jennings of the Middlesex who have both scored 26 goals, head the list:

FIRST DIVISION	
Horsack (R. Scots)	9
Saw (Midd'x)	8
SECOND DIVISION	
Fox (R.E.s)	26
Jennings (Midd'x)	26
Lee Wal-lam (R.E.s)	26
Auld (R. Scots)	22
Martin (R.A.S.C.)	17
Clarke (R.A.S.C.)	15
Pelham (R.E.s)	14
Round (30th R.A.)	12
Morgan (R.A.S.C.)	10

THIRD DIVISION	
Jones (R.E.s)	18
Brown (35th R.A.)	15
Manfield (R.A.F.)	15
Brackenbury (Sigs.)	13
Owens (24th R.A.)	12
Whitmore (36th R.A.)	11
Roche (12th R.A.)	10
Bartlett (R.A.F.)	10
Atkins (24th R.A.)	9
Bundy (Sigs.)	9
Jones (36th R.A.)	7
Cross (20th R.A.)	7

AT a recent boxing competition held at Windsor, England, Jim Gully, the Royal Horse Guards heavyweight, outpointed Pte. Bradshaw of Canada. This was Gully's first contest for some months, and he gave a polished display which pleased his followers. They liked his excellent straight left and sound defence. Owing to the impossibility of holding boxing in London recently, Gully has been denied the chance of a follow-up fight, but promoters are busy exploring the evacuation towns in the Home Counties with a view to holding tournaments during the week-ends, and he is well up the list of possible contestants.

Boxing

At Home

Those who are interested in the featherweight division should watch Terry McStravick, the seventeen-year-old Irishman. He wants to fight Sgt. Tom Smith for the right to meet Ned Tarleton for the British Title. McStravick beat Jackie Rankin at Liverpool about a year ago or maybe less, and was then matched with Smith, but Tom had to go to France and was at Durkirk on the date the bout was expected.

LAST Monday the Combined Small Units held a meeting of Athletic representatives with the object of holding an Individual Athletic Meeting at the beginning of April.

After this meeting they would then decide the Combined Small Units Athletic team for the Area Athletic meeting which takes place in April.

The Small Units should be able to produce a fairly strong team now that they have the support of the Royal Air Force. The Signals have one or two excellent runners, and this year it is hoped that the Small Units will be able to field a team and not leave it all to the Signals as in previous seasons.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THE FIRST ROUND of the Singles Handicap Competition was finished on Monday, as arranged, and the second round will commence immediately. Contestants are reminded that the second round must be completed by February 10.

H. E. Waller played M. Talan on January 16, in the first round and the first named player won very comfortably by 98 pins.

Waller's handicap was plus 43 and Talan's plus 30, and the scores were:—
H. E. Waller (plus 43) ... 486
M. Talan (plus 30) ... 388
I do not ever remember having seen Talan play such a poor game as he did on this occasion; he was obviously badly out of practice his average of 129 being away below his usual form.

Wilkins Wins

Corp. H. B. Wilkins of the Royal Corps of Signals played A. W. Peake on January 17, and Wilkins made no mistake in winning by 134 pins.

Wilkins' handicap was plus 30 and Peake plus 40. The scores were:—
H. B. Wilkins (plus 30) ... 504
A. W. Peake (plus 40) ... 370

Wilkins bowled consistently well, his average working out at 168 pins per game, but then he is a much more experienced player than his opponent; Peake is practically a new player to the Alleys, never having played in a match game before, and probably only four or five ordinary games altogether. With a little more practice he should do quite well.

Good Match

There was quite a good match played on January 19, which proved to be much closer than the above two matches. It was between Signalmen J. McLaren of the Signals and E. W. Bannister. McLaren won by 34 pins, his handicap being plus 43 and Bannister's plus 46. The scores were as follows:—
J. McLaren (plus 43) ... 456
E. W. Bannister (plus 46) ... 422

McLaren's average of 152 was quite fair and he might have done even better, but for a weak 131 in his last game, after a 174 in his second game.

I was quite impressed with Bannister's debut to match play.

A Misunderstanding

The "Tulsa" were due to meet the Alley Team on January 19 in a Ten Pin Match, but owing to a misunderstanding as regards the time to commence, a three-game match was played between Tulsa and Doc Molthen's team. The Tulsa on this occasion won convincingly by 235 pins, the scores being as follows:—
Tulsa ... 1989
Doc Molthen's Team ... 1754

Niehoff of the Tulsa was the star bowler of the match. He bowled consistently throughout the three games, his total of 559 being a good performance.

Ernie Hearther of Doc Molthen's team was second with 525, good enough bowling but not up to his usual standard.

Borg, and Peterson of the Tulsa, and Doc Molthen were just about on a par.

The original match scheduled to take place earlier on, in the evening, commenced at about 8.30 p.m., between the Tulsa and the Alley Team, and again resulted in a win for the Tulsa by 132 pins.
Tulsa ... 3271
Alley Team ... 3139

Hearther of the Alley Team was a little better during this game, and was top-scorer with 913, netting the only scores of 200 or over during the match; he made 220 in his second game and 214 in his third game. Borg of the Tulsa was not very far behind with 890.

Feature of his game, although he never made a 200 score, was a 190 in his second game, and another useful 192 in his fourth. Niehoff for Tulsa was not as good as in the first match, although he was third highest scorer with 870. Birkett was completely off form, his 635 being probably the lowest score he has ever put up before in a match.

Another Match

There was another three-game Ten Pin match in the Singles

Handicap Competition played on Monday, between W. D. Gardner and A. H. Potts.

Both players' handicaps were plus 50. Gardner won by 56 pins, the scores being as follows:—
W. D. Gardner ... 365
A. H. Potts ... 309

Gardner's performance was extraordinary. This player made 182 in his second game, and 89 and 94 in his first and third games. Potts was well off form.

First Round Concluded

The last match in the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition was played, also on January 20, between Joe Landolt and B. Godkin. The former only managed to scrape home by the narrow margin of 15 pins.

The scores were, J. S. Landolt 535 and B. Godkin 520 and Landolt conceded 26 pins per game.

Landolt bagged a good 208 in his last game to put him 15 pins ahead, after a hard fight right through.

Godkin bowled steadily and it was a pity he could only manage 131 in his first game, otherwise the position would have been reversed.

This was probably the finest and closest match in the course of the first round of the competition.

A brilliant score at Ten Pins was compiled, put up by R. E. Golden of the U.S.S. Tulsa, on Tuesday. He netted 245, almost beating Blount's 246—the record for the month up to the time of writing these Jottings.

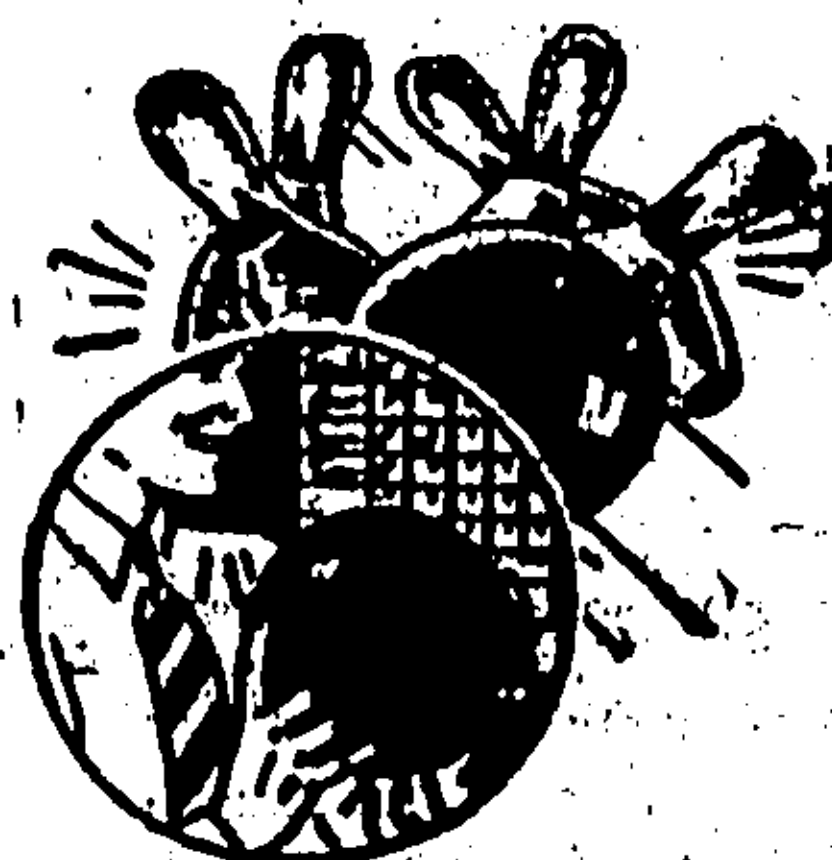
His score was made up as follows:—commencing with a nine in his first frame, he then scored seven strikes in a row, a spare in his ninth frame, a spare in his tenth to make an eight with the extra ball.

CORRESPONDENCE

[Sports Editor—"China Mail"].

Dear Sir—I regret I did not reply to Aromin's letter through the medium of this paper sooner as I was rather busy lately, but thank him just the same for accepting my challenge. I don't as a rule underestimate my opponents, but one thing I do know and that is that I am good. It is now up to Aromin or anyone else to prove otherwise. By the way are there any more Aromins, bring them all out, the more the merrier? How can we get together? Please give details through this paper. Good luck to you Young Aromin and may the better man win when we do meet.
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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

There is every possibility of a play-off for the First Division football title as the result of South China's narrow win over Eastern last Saturday by 3 goals to 2 and both South China and Sing Tao are now on level terms with the latter having slightly the harder remaining games.

Lee Wai-tong, who could do nothing the previous Sunday against Sing Tao was in great form. He scored in the first few minutes of the game and provided the other openings which resulted in South China being three goals in the lead in the first 15 minutes.

Eastern staged a great rally in the second half and almost drew level when they were awarded a penalty, but Hyui missed.

Eastern supporters were not pleased with the result and many are of the opinion that the referee should have allowed a goal when Hyui beat Tam with a good shot which hit the upright.

The ball hit the upright but rebounded into Tam's hands. The referee was on the spot at the time and the linesman was up with the play and there was no doubt in the minds of either official that the ball did not cross the line.

The Semi-Final of the Lai Wah cup competition will be played during the Chinese New Year holiday. It is gratifying to note that in spite of the large crowd it is anticipated will attend the Chinese-Army game the Association have not increased the prices of admission.

The habit of increasing prices at important League games is getting too common and it is hardly fair on the public who have supported all the games during the season.

Service Corps did well to beat Middlesex in the Preliminary Round of the Junior Shield, after being 3-1 down at the interval and scoring three times in the extra time.

As the Interport with Shanghai has fallen through advantage has been taken for a number of postponed League games to be played off during the holidays. There will be a long programme of games for to-morrow, while League games will also be played on Monday and Tuesday.

I.R.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following will represent Indian R.C. at cricket to-morrow:

1st XI—v. Recrolo (League, at home): K. Nazarin (Captain), M. el Arculli, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, A. R. Kitchell, S. A. Ismail, K. M. Rumjahn, A. R. H. Email, A. R. Minu and A. N. Other.

2nd XI—v. H.M.S. Tamar (Friendly, at King's Park): M. R. Abbas (Captain), A. H. Ismail, A. R. Suffad, M. I. Razack, T. Ali, F. A. Curream, M. B. Hassan, A. el Arculli, M. A. Wahab, A. M. Rumjahn and A. Ebrahim.

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IF THE MINISTRY of Home Security agree to proposals laid before them by the F.A., the spotter system will be adopted by the soccer clubs, writes a correspondent.

This was announced after a meeting of the F.A. at Nottingham recently, when the plan submitted by the F.A. was agreed to after consultation with the League.

The Soccer chiefs were induced to take this step by the attitude of the crowds, but whether they are well advised is another matter.

In the first place, any modification of the present rule can only apply to those clubs with massive grandstands.

Secondly, in the dark, cloudy winter days, ahead of a spotter, however experienced, can judge how near enemy aircraft may be. How, then, can tragedy be averted, especially since players in one game have already been machine-gunned?

The most that can be said for the plan is that more spectators can be induced to turn up because they may see a little more play than under the present rule. It is not worth it.

Three International Matches

Two international matches are to be played, with Scotland, one probably at Newcastle on February 8, and the other in Scotland.

Another game has provisionally been arranged with Wales on the Nottingham Forest ground in April.

It is stated these games will be for charity. It is a pity the F.A. did not take the opportunity to announce that part of the proceeds would go to the clubs.

Without the clubs there can be no soccer, and that prospect is a very real one unless some aid is forthcoming.

One I remind the football chiefs that charity begins at home?

Sunday Soccer "As You Were"

The question of Sunday football was also discussed by the F.A.

It was decided they cannot recognise general Sunday football. Recently the F.A. said they would have no objection to war workers, whose only relaxation is on Sunday, arranging matches among themselves.

That is as far as the F.A. intend to relax their rule.

Present League System At Home Will Continue

THE FOOTBALL League Management Committee at their meeting at Nottingham recently, decided to continue the present play-who-you-like League, with its goal averages, until May 3, writes L. V. Manning in the "Daily Sketch."

There is also to be a knock-out Cup tournament on the home-and-away basis similar to last season.

The only breakaway from last season's Cup competition is that it will be divided into two regions (North and South) instead of four. Goal aggregate will again decide the ties.

Clubs appearing one to 32 in the goal average tables on January 25 qualify and will be paired in their sections to the semi-final.

If convenient these matches will be played on April 19 and 26, otherwise there will be single matches on a neutral ground. The Final will be one match on a neutral ground on May 3.

Clubs Won't Be Pleased

A first thought is that of travel difficulties. It is difficult to see how the clubs will be able to make the long journeys involved—journeys which would not have arisen had the clubs been divided into four sections, or the eight as proposed by 'Spurs'.

Also there will be a lot of dis-

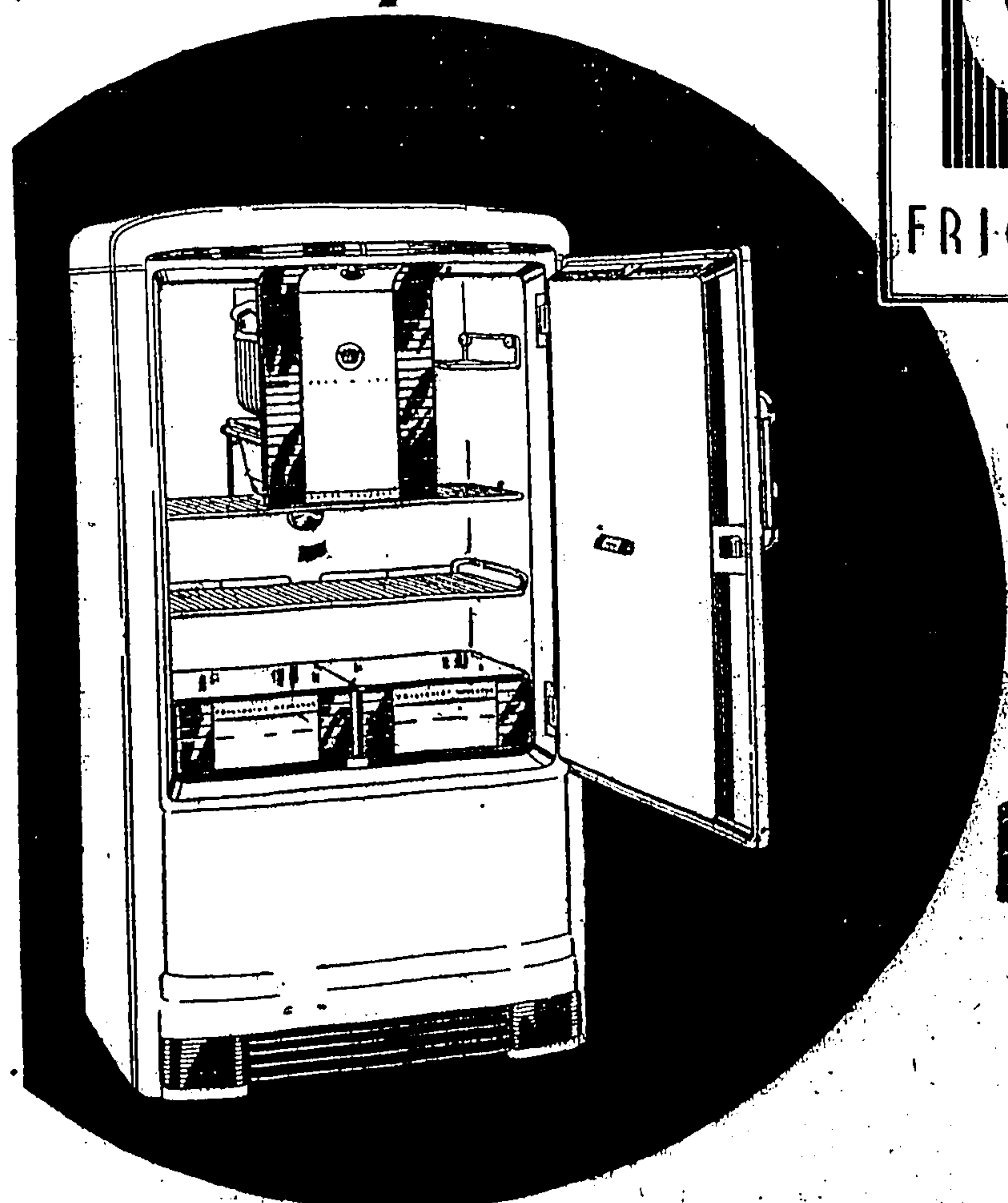


appointment that the special difficulties of the London clubs have apparently not been taken into account.

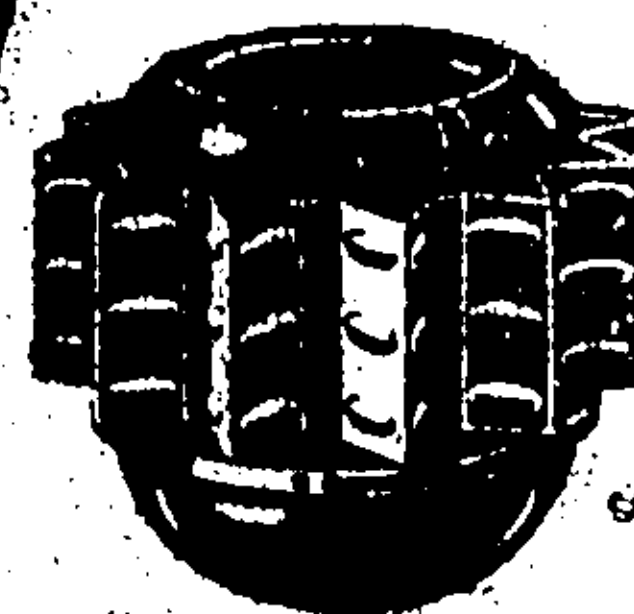
The decision to retain the unpopular decimal tables won't please the clubs, but there were a lot of difficulties in the way of the 'Spurs' eight-group plan. Here's what Mr. Fred Howarth, secretary of the League, said:

"We explored the subject thoroughly, but there is no way of comparing clubs on a fair basis other than by goal averages. No other system makes provision for abandoned matches."

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JAPANESE MEDIATION ACCEPTED

The Vichy Government has accepted in principle the offer by Japan to mediate in the Thailand-French Indo-China dispute, according to Lyons radio yesterday.

The announcer added that the French Ambassador in Tokyo had authorised the Japanese to hold discussions with the Thai Government. — Reuter.

SOVIET RETICENT

The lifting of the United States "moral embargo" on the export of planes to Russia has been announced on the Soviet radio but not yet in the press, as no newspapers were published in Moscow yesterday.

Official Soviet circles are reticent on the subject but opinion in Moscow is that the lifting of this ban, coupled with the establishment of an American consulate-general at Vladivostok, suggests an improvement in Soviet-American relations. — Reuter.

Fancy Italian Line In Ack-Ack Fire

A THRILLING STORY of the attack on Tobruk has been received from a correspondent who was one of a small party which kept up with our troops, and actually took some prisoners themselves!

At 2.30 a.m., he reports, the R.A.F. opened the operations with a bombardment of Tobruk which was easily the most terrific pounding he had ever heard.

In reply, the Italians "put up a very fancy line in anti-aircraft fire."

The din increased to a fearful pitch at 6.20 a.m. — "Zero Hour" — when our artillery went into action. Great flashes lit the sky as pandemonium was let loose.

As dawn broke, our artillery fire seemed to grow slightly less. Our guns were being moved up closer.

Westland Lysander planes, he said, did wonderful work "spotting" for our guns.

The Italians flung up an anti-aircraft barrage which at times made the sky look as though it was suffering from measles, but the Lysanders did not appear to give it the least attention and continued calmly about their work.

Artillery Battle

The correspondent then went back to an Australian Brigade Headquarters.

A terrific artillery and air battle was going on only a

short distance away, everyone was on the qui vive for the actual attack — and an orderly was calmly sorting out the mail which had just arrived from Australia!

A signaller told the correspondent he had already received 5,000 Italian prisoners.

At 9.30 a.m., when the battle had been in progress for about four hours, the Brigadier told the assembled correspondents he was moving up inside the defence perimeter and they could follow him if they wished.

They did, and had not gone far when they came on the first of what proved to be a steady stream of Italian prisoners. There were between 200 and 300 of them, and at first it seemed as though they were marching without a guard.

"Thumbs Up"

At the end of the party, however, the correspondents found an Australian soldier in charge, strolling nonchalantly along, with bayonet fixed. As they passed, he smiled at the correspondents and gave the "thumbs up" salute.

Inside the perimeter of defences, thousands more Italians were standing around in solid masses, waiting to be marched off.

The Australian Brigadier told the correspondents that on the morrow he would have the unusual job of capturing an Italian Admiral, who was on board the crippled Italian cruiser San Giorgio.

He had never captured an Admiral before, said the Brigadier, and he was not quite sure how to go about it. For that matter, he had never captured a warship before, either!

Shortly afterwards, the correspondents found themselves taking a few prisoners.

Out Of The Dugouts

They were passing by some dug-outs when they heard a noise from within. Two Italian officers and 10 men were inside, and they all trooped solemnly out with their hands in the air.

When within half a mile of Tobruk, the correspondents saw a black pall of smoke rising from the other side, where oil dumps had been destroyed.

Our artillery was still pounding the town, and two Italian coastal guns were gallantly but hopelessly returning shell for shell.

Another correspondent says that our troops could actually have taken Tobruk the same day the attack was launched, but by taking a few hours longer over the job kept our casualties down to a very low figure.

The Italian garrison was out-maneuvred as soon as our advance units made contact. Our advance units decoyed the Fascists into giving away their gun positions, and our mechanised advance guards were shifted around here and there until the garrison was completely bewildered and did not know where our troops were concentrating.

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ITALIAN RESISTANCE BROKEN IN 26 HOURS

(Continued from Page 1)

thousands of exhausted and unnerved Italians were streaming out.

All resistance had virtually ended by sunset the day before.

The Solaro Airense Forts had been silenced after stiff fighting and the stronghold of Pilastrino, which had been putting up terrific artillery fire, had been captured.

During the attack on Pilastrino the Australians unexpectedly came on fourteen Italian tanks in a dried up river bed. Reinforced by an anti-tank battery the infantry, although suffering some casualties, knocked out the tanks quickly.

One Australian captured a tank and the crew of four with his rifle and bayonet.

General Taken

Pilastrino was occupied by the British and it shelled the Solaro Airense Forts until they also were taken.

In the open desert between Solaro Airense the Brigadier commanding the Australians captured Major-General Derra Mura of the 61st Metropolitan Division.

Meanwhile the eastern and western sectors of the perimeter defence had been cut off. After that they resisted only spasmodically and quickly surrendered. — Reuter.

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DEATH

MAY:—At the Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, at 7.15 p.m. on Thursday, 23rd January, — Annie May, widow of the late George Thomas May in her 68th year. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m., to-day.

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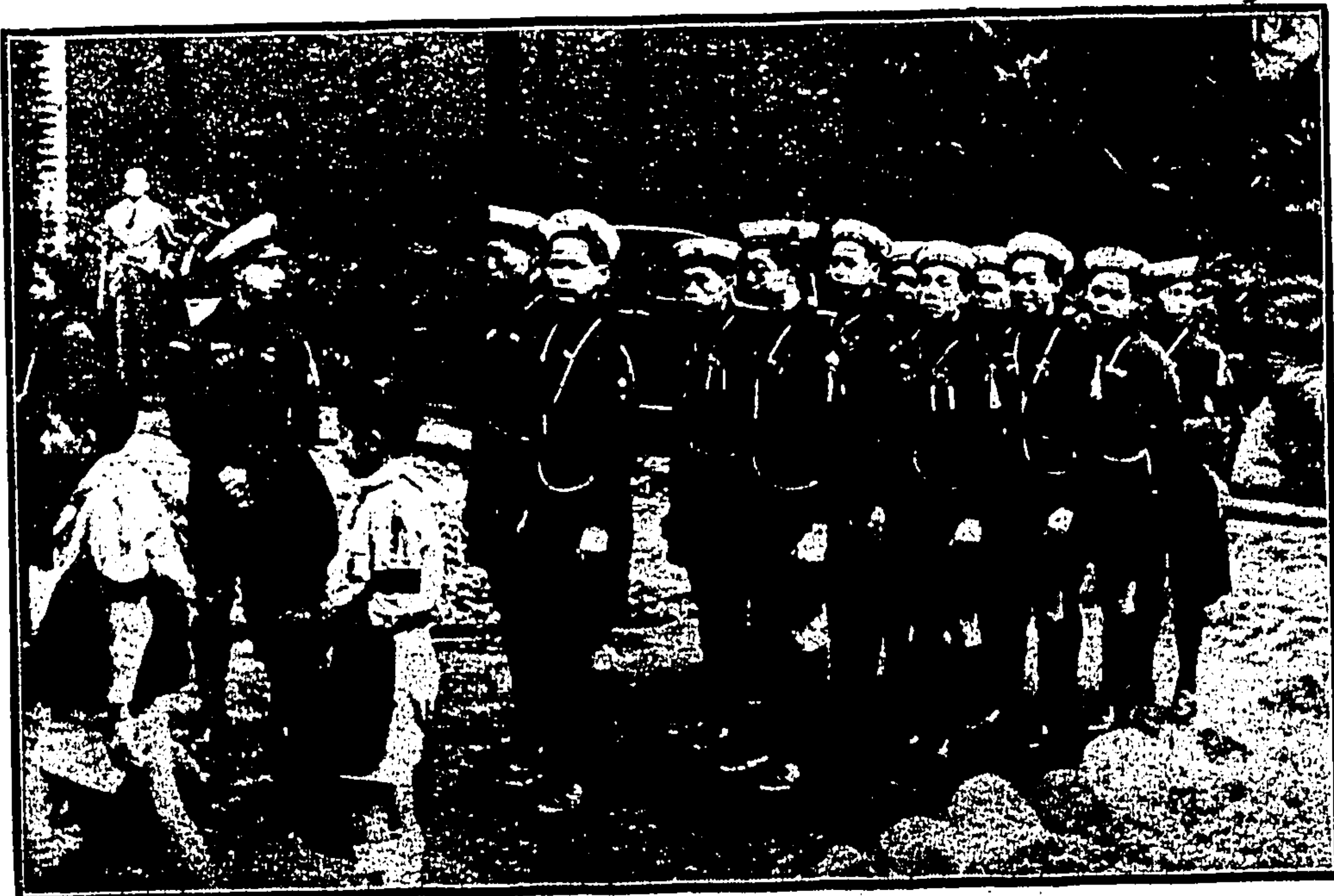
Memorial Service



Girl Guides lined up outside St. John's Cathedral before the Memorial Service for the late Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell.



Girl Guide officers and Mrs. Brooker, Assistant Commissioner (Cubs) at the Cathedral for the Memorial Service to the late Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell.



Among detachments represented at the Memorial Service for Lord Baden Powell were these smartly turned out Sea Scouts.



Troops of the British Forces arriving on Greek soil, were speedily made comfortable in their new surroundings. Photo shows:—The G.O.C. in C., Sir Archibald Wavell, being shown an improvised field-kitchen during a tour of inspection.



The Royal Scots goalie punches away a high one from Kwok Ying-kee (Sing Tao) in Sunday's match at Sookuhpoo.



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SHORT STORY

THE CABINET

By Leslie Halward

ELI Watkins is the local carpenter and cabinet-maker, a little bow-legged man with a wart on his nose.

One evening he is walking along the street in the direction of the Ewe and Lamb when somebody draws his attention by tapping on the front-room window. Eli stops, and a moment later a door opens and Sally Perkins comes out on the pavement.

Sally is a buxom, red-headed girl about twenty-five, the daughter of old Josh Perkins, who is check-weighman at the nearby pit. Joe Burton has been courting Sally for nearly a year, and some are saying that it will not be long before they are setting up a home of their own. Joe, as Eli knows, is a good steady lad with a regular job at the iron foundry.

"Good evening, Mr. Watkins," Sally says. "I've been waiting half an hour for you to come up the street."

Eli's eyes twinkle and he cocks his head on one side. "It's a tidy while since any wench waited half an hour for me, but, mind you, if I was a bit younger..." he says.

Sally giggles. "You're as bad as ever you was, Mr. Watkins," she says. "and I don't suppose you'll ever get any better now." Then seriously: "I want you to do a bit of a job for me, Mr. Watkins," she says.

"A bit of a job?" he asks.

"I want you to make me a bit of a cabinet," she says. "You know, to keep a few crocks and things in. I don't want you to make any fuss of it. I want you to do it as cheap as you can. It's only to keep a few crocks and things in. You know the idea," she says.

"I know the sort of thing you mean. Have you got any measurements? I mean, how big do you want this here cabinet?" he asks.

"I ain't got no measurements. I don't want it very big," she says. She gives him a very rough idea of the size by waying her hands about. "You know—about that high and about that deep and about that far across," she says.

Eli chuckles. "It's as clear as mud what you want, but I'll do it for you. You ain't in a rush for a week or two, are you? 'Cos I'm proper stacked out with work," he says.

"No, I ain't in no rush for a week or two. I'll leave it to you. But you'll do it as cheap as you can, won't you?" she says.

"I don't suppose I shall hurt you," he says.

A fortnight passes, and, again on the way to the Ewe and Lamb, Eli is stopped by Sally.

"I suppose you ain't got that cabinet done yet?" she asks.

"No, I ain't. I told you I was stacked out with work. I ain't had a chance to get on to it yet," he says.

"That's a good job," she says. "Now, look here, you ain't going to tell me as you've took the order off me, are you?" he asks.

"No, I ain't going to tell you that. You don't suppose I'd go and

do a trick like that on you? I give the order and I'm relying on you to do the job. Only there's one or two alterations I want you to make," she says.

"Alterations? What do you want altered?" he asks.

Sally giggles. "Well, between me and you, Mr. Watkins, I told Joe about the cabinet, and he told me as I was to tell you as you was to make a real good job of it and he'd pay you for it," she says.

Eli pulls the ends of his moustache. "I see," he says.

"So you needn't bother about making it as cheap as all that. Make a good job of it, like Joe told me to tell you. You could make it a bit bigger, for one thing." She waves her hands about twice as far apart as when she previously gave the measurements. "You know—about that high, about that deep, and about that far across," she says.

It must be conceded that Absalom Yates (better known as Ab) was a trifle simple. He would not hurt a fly if he could help it, but he was certainly slow moving and Farmer Snape didn't he sitate to tell him about it. He cursed Ab over field and path, but Ab just pattered along at his own speed. "That's nobbut two speeds," said the farmer, "slow and stop." If Ab had been witty enough he might have said that he did as much as he got paid for. But Ab was not witty, and he just stared helplessly at the farmer until he quietened down, and then he went on with his work at the same speed. "It's a waste o' good breath talkin' to thee," said the farmer. And it was.

Nobody talked to Ab much. He was slow of speech and slower in thinking, so that in general conversation he was always left behind. About the farm he was regarded as the "mug." Everybody tried to take a rise out of him. If he was oversensitive he certainly did not show it, except that he never sought the companionship of his workmates. Give him a lonely job in the fields and he was well content. The flapping scarecrow on the ridge was good enough companion for him. At least the scarecrow left him alone. "They're bosom pals," affirmed the farmer. "Tha con hardly tell th' one fro t' other." He laughed until the tears came into his eyes. "Ah've never seen nowt to touch him," he added as he put his big red handkerchief into his pocket.

Every Thursday afternoon Ab asked if he might go down to the village. The farmer invariably replied that it made no difference whether he went or not, but he always managed to find enough errands to load Ab like a stallion donkey on his return. Ab might be slow, but he was willing. When he had done his errands he would dump his load outside the village post office, and after waiting until the shop was empty he would slink inside sheepishly. The post office was one of those village affairs where you could buy anything from shoelaces to butter, when there was any butter. When you opened the door the bell jangled raucously, and Ab always felt that he would like to run out again as soon as it began to peal.

The postmistress, Nancy Ince, was the only person who ever called him Mr. Yates. "That's right, Mr. Yates," she would say, as she handed over the stamp. "Writing home again?" Generally Ab would mutter "Aye" and shuffle out of the shop, with Nancy's smile warming his heart all the way back to the farm. "Tha's taken thi' time," the farmer al-

Eli rubs his chin. "That'll make it a tidy piece of furniture. You'll want a thing that size to look a bit o' summat like. I could put some Queen Anne legs on it and a bit o' fancy work round the sides and along the top," he says.

"And I'd like some fancy knobs on the doors, and you could put some velvet on the shelves, blue I'd like, 'cos then it'd match the half tea service as Joe give me for my birthday. Joe'd like that."

Eli thinks for a while. "What you want to set it off proper is the glass doors leaded. It'd cost a bit, mind you," he says.

Sally clasps her hands together. "Oo! That'd make it a treat, wouldn't it! You do that for me, Mr. Watkins. You make the glass

doors as they're leaded. Joe won't mind about the price. He told me as I was to tell you to make a real good job of it," she says.

Eli becomes enthusiastic and half closes his eyes. "I'll make it out o' meegony and put ball catches on the doors," he says.

"I'll leave that to you. I'll leave it to you to make a real smart job of it. You can send the bill in to Joe as soon as it's done. You know where he lives, don't you?" she asks.

"I know where he lives," he says.

One evening, early in the following week, Eli is surprised to see Sally walking up the yard to his shop. She is hurrying, and he

thinks she looks agitated about something.

"Have you got that cabinet done yet?" she asks, as soon as she enters the shop.

"Now, look here, I told you as I was stacked out with work, and you told me as you wasn't in no hurry for it," he says.

"I know, but do you think you could get it done for this week-end without fail?" she asks.

Eli scratches his head and looks round his shop. "Well, I dare say I could if it was all that urgent," he says.

"It is urgent. I want you to get it done as soon as ever you can and send the bill in to Joe." She giggles and leans forward and whispers into his ear. "Between me and you, Mr. Watkins, we had a row last night, and I'm going to chuck him a-Sunday," she says.

THE LETTER

By T. Thompson

It must be conceded that Absalom Yates (better known as Ab) was a trifle simple. He would not hurt a fly if he could help it, but he was certainly slow moving and Farmer Snape didn't he sitate to tell him about it.

One Thursday afternoon the post-mistress said, "You don't come from these parts, Mr. Yates," and Ab said, "Naw," with a blush at being considered worthy of conversation. "Do you like round here?" added Nancy. "It's o' reet," said Ab.

Ab found himself confronted with the job of analysing his position and incapable of doing it. He stared at Nancy with wide-opened eyes, and then he said, "Ah don't know."

"It'd be better with somebody to talk to," said Nancy.

"Ah don't know," repeated Ab.

"Surely it would," said Nancy.

"Ah'm none lonely in th' fields," said Ab. "Ah'm lonely in company."

"I should be lonely out there all day," said Nancy.

"Not if tha wor browt up to it," said Ab. "There's o' soarts in th' meadows... birds... an' trees... an' sichlike... There's allus summat fresh 'ap' penih' in th' meadows. Ah'm never lonely in th' meadows... not like Ah am in company... things is matey in the meadows... If tha follows one... tha doesn't get any back talk."

"Farmer Snape's not too good to work for," said Nancy.

"Ah don't know," said Ab. "If Ah worn't doin' for him Ah should be doin' for somebody else. So it's as broad as long."

"He's a tight 'un," said Nancy.

"Aye," admitted Ab. "He win not part wi' a penny wheer a hawpenny'll do."

He turned towards the door. When the bell rang he closed it again and returned to the counter.

"Ah like comin' in here," he said. "It's omely."

Nancy smiled.

"Ah don't feel lonely in here," he added, "like Ah do in company. It's like bein' in th' meadows."

dows here, if tha follows me. Tha doesn't think Ah'm bein' simple, dost?"

"I'm always glad to see you, Mr. Yates," said Nancy.

"Ah con tell that," said Ab. "Or else Ah shouldna come. They han me for th' foo' up yon. It's not nice."

"Come in when you like, Mr. Yates," said Nancy.

"Every Thursday when Ah post me letter," said Ab. "Ah shouldn't like folks to talk."

"Never mind 'em," said Nancy with a laugh.

"Tha'r't not laughin' at me?" said Ab.

"Not I," said Nancy indignantly.

"Ah didn't think tha wor," said Ab apologetically, "but there's no harm in axin'."

"Not a bit," said Nancy.

"Ah'll be in again next Thursday," said Ab.

He turned away again.

"You're forgetting your letter," said Nancy, picking it up from the counter.

"By Gow," said Ab. "Ah'd forget me head if it wor loose."

"Haven't you made a mistake here?" said Nancy. "It's addressed to yourself."

Ab's ears turned red. "So it is," he said. "Ne'er mind. It'll ha' to do now. Ah haven't time to awter it."



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The Catholic Church & Hitler

By Warren Irvin

The attitude of the Papacy towards the German Reich or any other State can best be explained in terms of its function, which is essentially a simple one. The Pope is the head of an institution whose task it is so to guide men's lives in this world that they may attain to salvation in the next.

The Catholic Church considers it to be necessary for salvation to believe certain doctrines, to adopt a number of religious practices which follow from this belief, and to observe a definite moral code. She claims an exclusive right to teach these doctrines and to remind her subjects of the moral laws and she demands freedom for them to practice their religion externally, but she is indifferent to forms of government so long as these things are safeguarded.

Before National Socialism attained to power, the Papacy was not directly concerned. The German Bishops, acting in their proper sphere as guardians of Faith and Morals, condemned the doctrine of the new movement, notably in the instruction of the Bavarian Bishops to their clergy on February 11, 1931.

This attitude of the Bishops according to Wilhelm Solzbacher, was expressly approved by the Pope.

In their instruction they stated that they had no wish to discuss the political and governmental aims of National Socialism but were anxious about its cultural aims, which rejected the essentials of the Christian Faith, and its attempts to replace this by a new Weltanschauung view of the world; the Christianity of which the Nazis speak is not the Christianity of Christ.

The Concordat And Consistency

The success of the National Socialists in 1933 created a new situation but the attitude of the Pope and Bishops remained consistent.

The Concordat between the Church and the State was indeed a sign of their consistency; for it recognised the authority of the National Socialist government in its proper sphere while providing guarantees for the unhampered activity of the Church in spiritual affairs.

Far from compromising with National Socialism, it represented an attempt to bind the new rulers by treaty obligations, so that

the intrusion of the party into the religious sphere would be rendered more difficult.

It did not succeed in this aim, but since neither Pope nor Bishops had been under any illusions about the dangerous tendencies in National Socialism, they were not unprepared for the struggle which followed.

During the troubled years since 1933, the Papal policy has remained constant. A perfectly correct attitude towards the government has been maintained, because in spite of Nazi faithlessness there is no essential incompatibility between the existence of a totalitarian government and the continued mission of the Church.

But each particular interference with the Church's mission, every breach of the Concordat, has met with resistance and protest. And National Socialist doctrine has been condemned in the most uncompromising fashion.

For the Papacy, as for the Catholic Church, false doctrine, the advocacy of a way of life contrary to Christian teaching, is infinitely more dangerous than the worst political tyranny. Naturally she deplores the effects of such tyranny, especially in the religious sphere, but it is not her task to remove tyrants, while it is pre-eminently her task to maintain purity of doctrine.

Papal Protests

The frequent protests of the Popes against the persecution in Germany are well-known.

Three times in 1934, Pope Pius XI spoke of the sacrifices German Catholics were making for their religion. In 1935 he used the word "persecution" for the first time in reference to events in Germany and spoke of attempts to destroy Christianity and to lead the nation back to barbarism. Later in the year he spoke of a struggle against God and Jesus Christ.

Amongst many other protests, the Pope, at Christmas 1937 insisted on the reality of the persecution and rejected categorically

all attempts to deny it or make it appear milder than it really was; there had rarely been such a fierce and painful persecution or one so tragic in its effects.

The Papal utterances of 1938 were largely repetitions of earlier statements.

All these are examples of the Pope's anxiety that the faithful should be allowed to practice their religion and listen to the teaching of the Church. But the condemnations of National Socialist doctrine and the assertions of the Church's right to judge on faith and morals are much stronger and leave not the slightest doubt about the incompatibility of Catholicism and National Socialism.

No Compromise

The National Socialist faith, opposed to the Christian, received its most authentic exposition in Rosenberg's *Mythus des zwanzigsten Jahrhunderts* (The Twentieth-Century Myth). This work was placed on the index of forbidden books on February 7, 1934. Since the Nazis claimed that this was a private work when they were attempting to win over Catholic support, they could not regard this act as directed against the government.

Nevertheless the solemnity of such a condemnation on the one hand and the consistent support which Rosenberg received from the Nazi leaders on the other clearly indicate the fundamental opposition between the Papacy and the National Socialists. Neither side is prepared to compromise on the question of Faith.

On numerous occasions Pope Pius XI insisted on the anti-Christian character of National Socialist ideas. On February 24, 1934, he said that racial pride had expressed itself in ideas and teaching to a degree that was neither Christian nor human.

On April 5, he described National Socialism as not only false Christianity but as veritable heathenism.

Particularly strong are the words of the present Pope, then Cardinal Secretary of State, in a letter to Cardinal Schulte of Cologne on March 17, 1935. As the Catholic Press still had some freedom at that time in Germany it was possible to publish this letter in the *Kölnische Volkszeitung*.

Encouraging the Archbishop to resist the persecutors of the Church, he speaks of the blindness of this new heathenism and says that the Nazis are preaching a new Faith and a new Gospel which is not the Gospel of Christ.

While Rosenberg was attacking the Pope before a gathering of State and Party officials on September 6, 1938, Pius XI was calling attention to the words of the Mass in which Abraham is called "our patriarch"; anti-semitism, he said, was incompatible with this text and Christians could not be anti-Semites.

On the occasion of Hitler's visit to Rome in May, 1938, the Pope described the swastika as another cross "that is not the Cross of Christ" and, later on in the year he called it a cross "hostile to the Cross of Christ."

The Papal View Stated

The classic document containing the Papal attitude to National Socialism are however the encyclical *Mit brennender Sorge* (With Burning Grief) of March 14, 1937, and the instruction given to the rectors of Catholic universities and seminaries on April 13, 1938.

"Morality, the Pope says, must be based on the will of God and on a true belief in Him, not on the changeable opinions of men. He insists also on the recognition of the natural law, made manifest by human reason, the rejection of which must mean the destruction of all order and social organisation.

The publication of the encyclical represents a climax in the history of the relations between the Church and the Third Reich. During the three and a half years that have passed since then little has been said because little needed to be said. No one who reads *Mit brennender Sorge* can have any doubt about the uncompromising attitude of the Papacy towards National Socialism as a philosophy of life which is completely irreconcilable with that of the Catholic Church.

The second of these is particularly valuable in that it is exclusively concerned with Nazi errors in faith and morals. It is indicative of the serious and widespread nature of these errors that a Roman Congregation (of Seminaries and Universities) under the personal presidency of the Pope should consider it necessary to condemn the errors of racialism in a letter addressed to Catholic educational institutions throughout the world. It was also suitably timed, being made known to the public on the day of Hitler's solemn entry into Rome. The Holy Father, after making a particular reference to Germany, speaks of "pernicious doctrines" and instructs lecturers to refute certain "completely erroneous assertions."

These include the claim that there is a fundamental diversity of human races, that the strength of race and purity of blood are supreme ends and love of face the highest good, that mankind is merely an aspect of the Cosmos and that the individual lives only through and for the State. Other propositions, it is stated, could easily be added to these.

Mit brennender Sorge is a remarkable document. Instead of being written in Latin it is written in German, and indeed in a German so powerful and direct that it defies adequate translation; it was published in Germany and read simultaneously from the pulpits of every Catholic Church in that country as a result of a secret organisation which proved itself to be too clever even for the ubiquitous Gestapo to discover.

Where Nazism Offends

In this Encyclical Pope Pius demanded first "pure belief in God." He condemned those who identify God with the world, who reduced Him to a mere impersonal Fate or who give to the race, nation or State the highest rank in the scale of values.

He insisted on the unity of the human race.

He protested against the Nazis' abuse of sacred terms and ideas. In this lies one of the most dangerous aspects of National Socialism, in that it takes over words which have a definite meaning in Christian theology and gives to them an entirely new sense, deceiving the faithful at first and finally leading them to a wholly false belief.

Hitler's appeals to Providence and his constant harping on the "immortality" of the German Reich are well-known.

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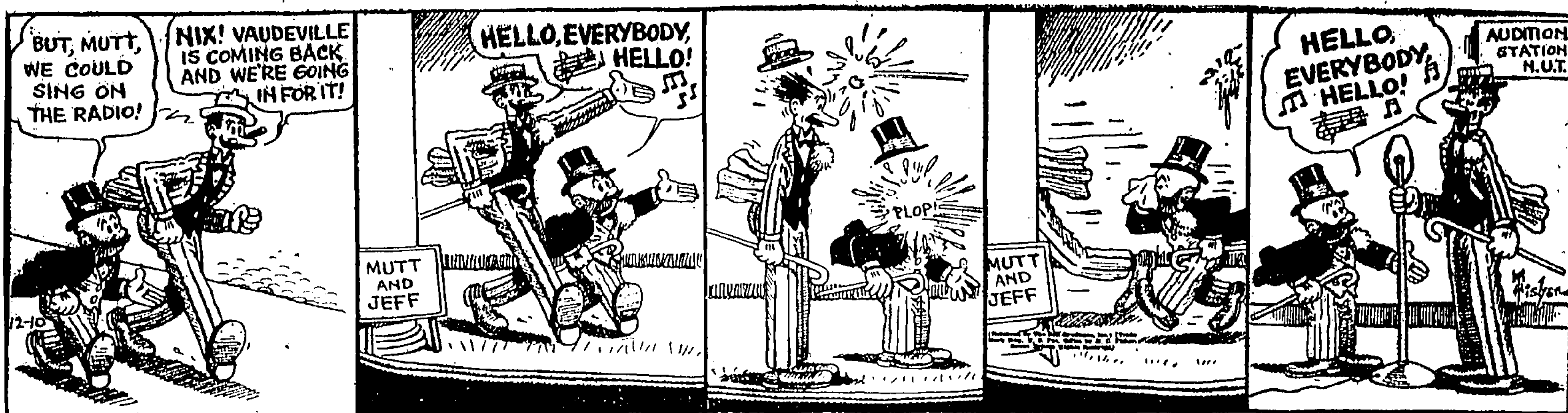
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Matron Can Wear Chic Hats

THREE is a young hat designer in New York named Eve Tartar who is convinced that matrons of middle-age or more can wear the same hats that very young matrons can wear. "If a woman keeps her face youthful, and dresses her hair simply but smartly, she can wear any hat I design with the exception of the frivolities which debts clamour for. I don't care if her measurements have increased as years passed—a woman can still look most attractive in even an extreme hat, if she has an alert, well-cared for face beneath it!"



A younger and older matron model a creation of EVE TARTAR'S to demonstrate that a smart hat becomes all ages.

And just to prove her point, Miss Tartar photographed for me a young woman in her twenties, and an older woman in her fifties wearing the identical hat! It was a velvet pillbox in a rich red with a stiffened, stream-lined velvet bow shooting diagonally and rakishly in the air. The younger woman had her hair dressed in the popular pompadour fashion with back hair hanging low. The older woman had her hair dressed high and simply. Both looked stunning in the hat and one would not class it as a "matron's hat" at all. It was simply a stunning hat with a fashionable air all its own.

What Older Woman Should Do

Older women get timid as the years pass and they are likely to draw into a shell and begin looking very drab, even though they buy new clothes each season. A woman should never feel old and she should never look drab!

Your hair may be gray, graying or white, but that is no excuse for feeling you are an old woman! Your skin can be beautiful, if you care for it, and your eyes and colouring can take on new glamour by carefully selecting beautiful colour shades which flatter you a great deal. There is no sin in looking as beautiful as you can—in fact it is every woman's social duty to look beautiful.

Earrings can be so flattering to the older woman. They can be inexpensive earrings or very valuable ones—it doesn't matter. What does matter is their shape and colouring. The button earring is stylish for daytime wear but the longer earrings, not too ornate, are growing very much in favour for gala evenings. A combination of rhinestone and pearl, or pearl and sapphire or other semi-precious stones are most decorative if your costume is plain and simple. Take a few moments, if you are of this age group, and model a few styles before a mirror at a jewellery counter. Surprise the family with a bit of glamour!

Then let me harp on colour again! Don't be afraid to wear the most vivid colours if they are becoming. If a colour is harsh looking near your face, then do not wear it, but if a colour brightens your face and makes you look younger, wear it as often as you can! If your hair has grayed, you will discover

that you can wear colours which you could not previously wear.

Highlight your personality by wearing pretty materials, lovely colours and jewellery. Don't go "fancy," but do be decorative! And when you next go to buy a hat don't ask for "a matron's hat

please," or you will be shown something so drab and conservative that when you wear it no one will know it is a new bonnet. Go into the shop and ask for a "smart hat with colour," and take an alert lace in with you! Every friend will compliment you on your choice!

Wave Must Be Treated With Oil

EVEN the best hairdressers will tell you that there is no certainty how hair will react to a permanent wave. Your head might be one of those exceptions which comes out from the waving process in a dry, frizz—it can happen to anyone! But fortunately such a mishap may be righted through proper treatment.

Oil, and more oil, is the remedy for hair that is too dry and frizzy. At least once a week apply hot olive oil to your scalp with absorbent cotton by parting the hair systematically. Then take some of the heated oil in each palm and rub the frizzed ends with both hands. Tie up your hair in a cap, or wear a loose shower cap, to allow the oil to soak the hair overnight.

The next morning you should rinse your head in cold water before soaping. Then draw a basin of quite hot water and shampoo your head with a liquid soap. Rinse it with clear warm water and repeat the soappings three times. After the last soaping rinse your hair very thoroughly.

You will find that after even three soappings a little of the olive oil clings to your hair—which is good. Brush your hair dry in the sunshine if possible (with a clean brush) and allow three or four hours to elapse before you set your hair or go to the hairdresser to have it set. Then give it a second good brushing and massage the scalp with your finger tips to encourage the natural oil to flow.

Shampoo And Hair Dress

It is imperative that you do not use a prepared shampoo that is

too astringent or too stripping. If you are in doubt about which to use buy a bar of the best castile soap, shave it into a quart jar with a screw cap and melt it with hot water. This should serve you for at least six thorough shampoos.

If you feel you need some dressing for your hair, when you set it, experiment with one of those pomade hair creams which may be applied when the hair is wet, or brushed onto dry hair after it has been set. I suggest that you have your hair set with water only and the day after apply a little of pomade hair dressing by brushing it on. Take a minimum amount of the cream on a finger tip and rub it over the bristles of your brush. Then brush your hair. Just a very little bit should be sufficient to add a gloss to your hair and to make it appear less dry.

Reconditioning Oils

If you have not the time for the treatment suggested above, you should resort to one of the reconditioning oils which may be applied heated to the scalp and hair, and then steamed by a machine for ten or fifteen minutes while you are in the salon.

This steam is followed by a shampoo and if you are a wise beauty you will take time to dry your hair thoroughly after the shampoo, and get a good ten minutes brushing before having your hair set with water. It is surprising how this truly does add to the lustre and beauty of your hair and even the busiest of women can spare an extra twenty minutes if her hair is in pretty much of a mess from a too-drying permanent wave!

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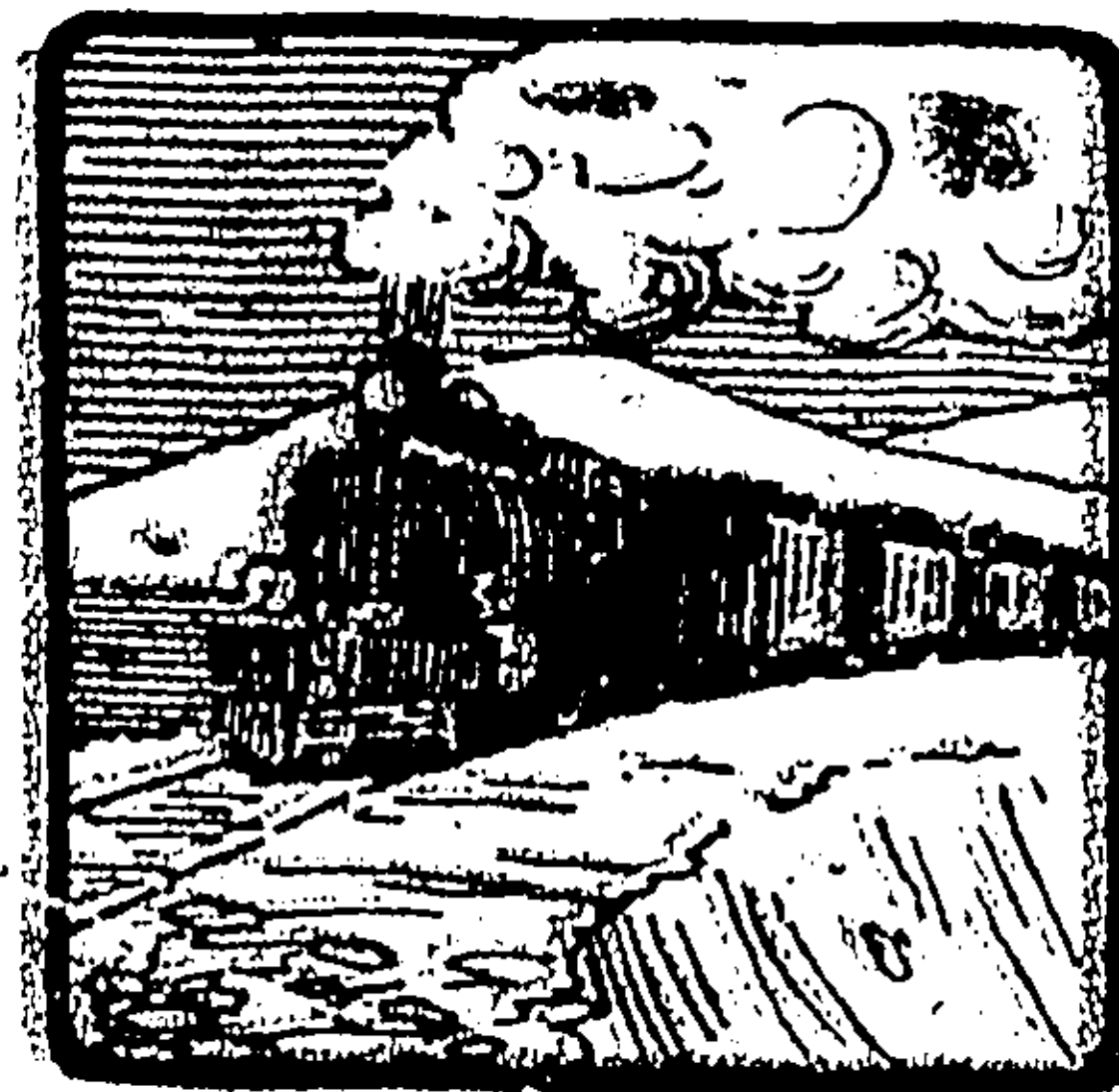
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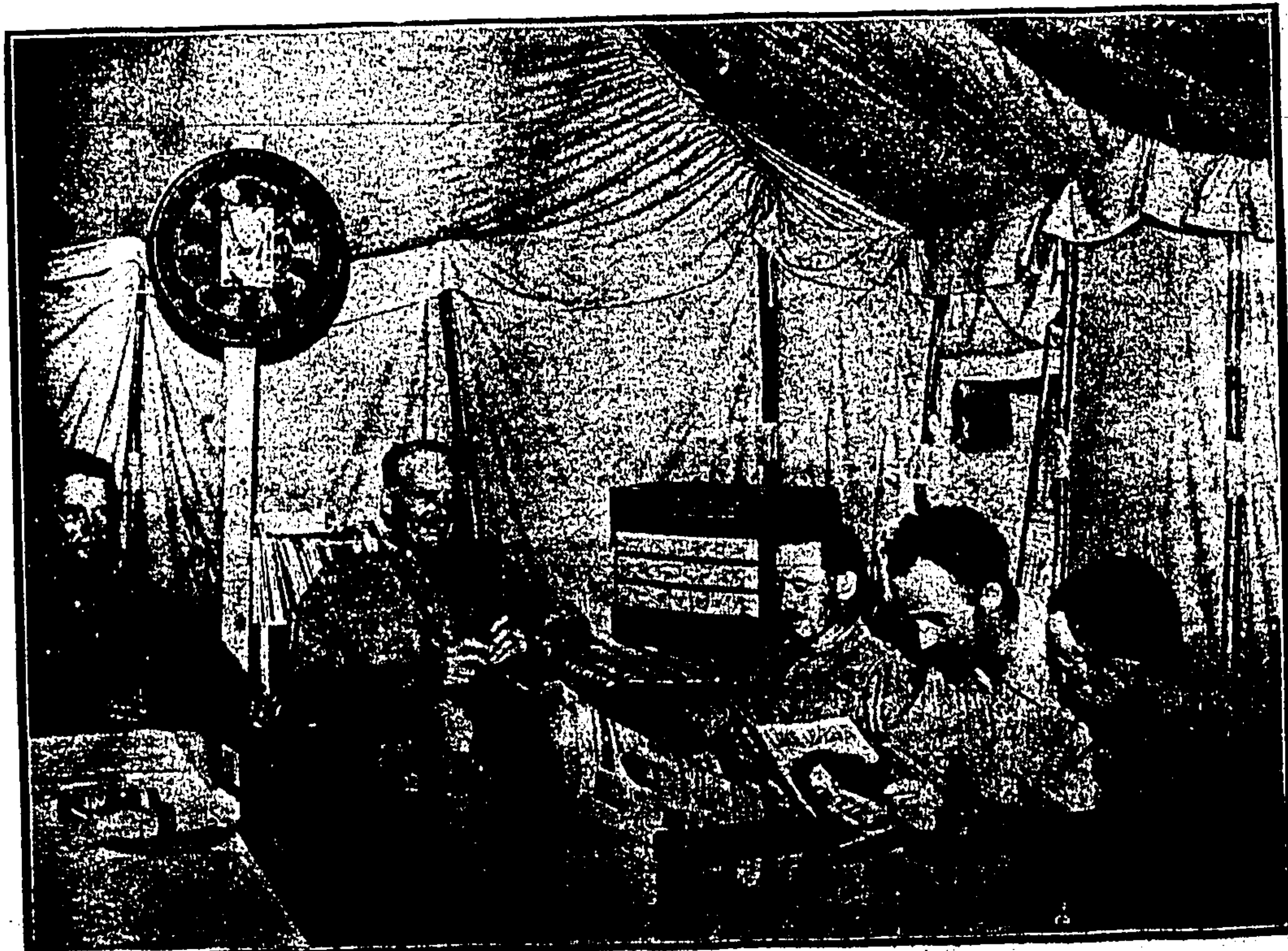
A.R.P. Tests In K'loon.



His Excellency the Acting Governor arriving at St. John's Cathedral for the Centenary Service on Sunday.



Mr. A. H. Veltman, Mr. J. Moodle and Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A. R. P., snapped during the Tsimshatsui "B" Division Communication Exercises.



With an Indian Division in the Western Desert. An officers' Mess.



A scene during Sunday's A.R.P. competition in Kowloon.



Famous Territorial Regiments have become anti-aircraft units, and are now playing an important part in the defence of London. The picture shows a crew at breech-loading exercises during a refresher course.

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CIVIL WAR CRUSHED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, announced last night that his forces have crushed the Iron Guard insurrectionary disorders throughout the country and that a new and more stable Government is being formed.

His dramatic announcement was broadcast over Bucharest radio. This would seem to mean that the three-day civil war in Rumania, which caused thousands of casualties and threatened to destroy the peace of the Balkans, has ended in a decisive victory for the German-fostered Government of General Antonescu.

It was reported in Budapest that most of the rebellious Iron Guardists, joined by some Rumanian troops, surrendered after heavily reinforced loyalist contingents entered the conflict. — International News Service.

Japanese Shocked By Event

In view of the serious financial state of the Shanghai Municipal Council an emergency meeting of British and American councillors, at which the British and American Consuls-General were present, decided to convene another special Ratepayers' Meeting as early as possible if the Japanese guarantee complete peace and order.

The Japanese authorities have issued a statement taking a serious view of yesterday's affair and are preferring charges against Mr. Hayashi.

The standing committee of the Japanese Ratepayers Association has decided to hold an extraordinary meeting to-day to discuss the unexpected developments.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Keswick has won the hearts of Japanese officials and residents by visiting Mr. Okamoto in the Japanese Hospital in Hongkew. — Reuter.

Large-Scale Raids On Sicily

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A SERIES OF R.A.F. BOMBARDMENTS THAT KINDLED ENORMOUS FIRES AND SET OFF ROLLING EXPLOSIONS AT ITALIAN AERODROMES IN SICILY, WHERE GERMAN BOMBERS ARE BASED, WAS ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY IN CAIRO LAST NIGHT.

Among Sicilian air bases suffering from downpours of incendiary and demolition bombs in mighty raids executed on Wednesday night and yesterday were big 'dromes located at Comiso, Augusta, Syracuse and Catania.

Destructive steel dropped at Comiso caused "explosions which continued for 20 minutes," according to a communique by the R.A.F. Middle East Command describing what was probably the most violent and concentrated

air blow yet dealt at strategic Sicily.

At Syracuse, the ancient Sicilian capital, "several large explosions occurred" and many bomb-ignited fires sprang up south of Syracuse Bay. Meanwhile other R.A.F. formations raided the aerodrome at Catania, where the Luftwaffe has established one of its biggest bases in the Mediterranean.

Several Fires

"Several fires" were swiftly started near runways and hangars while "a stick of bombs landed in the middle of a railway junction north of the aerodrome."

Relays of R.A.F. raiders also scored several direct bomb hits on Augusta aerodrome, in Sicily.

All the British night bombers returned safely. — International News Service.

RAID ON THE RUHR

The difficulties surmounted by British bombers in the successful raid on the Ruhr on Wednesday night can be judged from the fact that the whole of Western Germany was under cloud.

In spite of the great difficulty of the journey the aircraft reached the Ruhr by 7.30 p.m. and for some two and a half hours attacked through gaps in the cloud and dropped many incendiaries together with high explosive bombs on industrial objectives in the Dusseldorf area.

Even when clouds moved across and hid the ground from pilots watching the growth of fires below, the sky still glowed with a suffused and reflected light.

A sudden opening came in the clouds at the very moment of one particularly large explosion and the crew of an R.A.F. aircraft saw debris thrown high into the air.

Heavy A.A. fire met the British bombers but none was prevented from reaching its objectives. — British Wireless.

WEATHER FORECAST: — North and north-east winds, moderate, freshening; cloudy with occasional rain at first, probably improving later, colder.

"MIRACLE" FOR BRITAIN TO BEAT GERMANY

Says Col. Lindbergh

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

DECLARING THAT immediate peace was preferable to continuing Europe's war, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh told the House Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington yesterday that it would require a "miracle" for England to defeat Germany and predicted "disaster" for the United States if she entered the conflict.

Colonel Lindbergh voiced his fears that the United States would be dragged into the war by the Administration's Lease and Lend Bill at a spectacular hearing.

The session of the Committee included a warning by General Hugh S. Johnson that if the United States was not careful "we are going to be in this war in 30 to 90 days."

Colonel Lindbergh and General Johnson stirred the Committee and a record-breaking crowd in the hearing room as they predicted that the United States is heading to war through the Lease and Lend Bill.

Both declared it would be impossible for the United States

to land troops in France and fight against the Germans, who control Western Europe.

They advocated a strengthening of American defences to make it impossible for threat of attack by the Axis. — International News Service.

Colonel Lindbergh is spokesman for a group in America who are looking to Britain's defeat and cooperation with Germany's "New Order." Whether he is aware of or admits it, he is the perfect example of the Fifth Columnist.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct preservation processes. Three separate compartments in the upper part provide three types of cold: a dry all-around cold, a moist cold for meats, and a second compartment designed to generate cold for cooked meats and vegetables, retaining their original flavour and preserving vitamins. The third compartment is powerful enough for quick freezing and was designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

dishes of food come in contact with the shelf, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely all usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours.

Another advance in refrigeration is the new storage method which is really two in one. On the first door, which is frequently used to hold food, is a second door which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is used.

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Mechanised Units Play Big Part In Libyan Strategy

V.C. FOR JERVIS BAY HERO

An unusual tribute to the unknown heroes, dead and living, of the "Jervis Bay" epic was paid in a supplement to the London Gazette issued last night.

After announcing a series of awards, including two George Crosses and nine George Medals, the Gazette adds:

"Among those who went down with the Jervis Bay there must have been many, and among the survivors others, whose gallantry, were the whole truth known, deserved decoration.

"The above appointments and awards should be taken as an honour to the ship as to those who earned them."

The "Jervis Bay" was the armed merchant cruiser which was sunk while protecting a convoy of 38 ships in mid-Atlantic last November against attack by a German raider.

Her commander, Captain Fegg, who went down with the ship, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.—Reuter.

Cut Off One Vital Defence Post After Another

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Tobruk)

IT IS ALMOST impossible to exaggerate the important part played in the Libyan offensive by British mechanised units forging ahead and cutting off one vital strong post after another.

From the very beginning these units have hardly stopped moving. A famous tank regiment which I visited chased one Italian division right into Bardia.

In the course of this task they were subjected to formidable Italian air attacks. In one day alone they had 18 bomber and 15 fighter attacks but latterly such attacks have been entirely absent, owing to the fact that the R.A.F. had smashed up Italian aerodromes.

I was privileged to accompany a tank squadron on a day-light patrol.

Climbing up from a deep basin we gradually approached level ground and made a survey of many miles.

Pole Squatters

As look-out points against unexpected tank sallies, the Italians had established a series of pole squatters and look-out posts around the whole perimeter of the Tobruk defences.

A young officer told me, however, that many of the figures seen on these poles proved to be dummies.

Tank traps also proved formidable and many booby traps and hidden mines were also discovered.—Reuter.

C.N.A.C. PLANS FOR H.K. LINK WITH INDIA

Members of the China National Aviation Corporation left New Delhi yesterday for Calcutta in their own plane via Agra.

Their proposals to link up India with a direct air route to Chungking and Hong Kong are under examination by the Government of India.—Reuter.

GENERALS AND AN ADMIRAL CAPTURED

Up to yesterday evening, 20,000 Italian prisoners had been taken in Tobruk, together with a vast quantity of war material. On the Eritrean front, the Italians were taking up defence positions 100 miles east of Kassala, which they recently evacuated.

The capture of Tobruk was completed on Wednesday night, G.H.Q. Cairo reported yesterday evening. So far, over 20,000 prisoners have been taken, including a Corps Commander, a Divisional Commander, two other Generals, an Admiral and several high navy and army staff officers.

Captured war equipment included 200 guns of all calibres.

Our own casualties were less than 500, announces G.H.Q. Cairo.

Our troops in Eritrea are in contact with the Italian defence positions between Bishira and Barentu, the communique continues. In Abyssinia, we are maintaining pressure east of Metemma, while on the Kenya front successful activity by our patrols continues.

11 Divisions Finished

With the elimination of two further Italian Divisions at Tobruk, no less than 11 Italian Divisions have been rendered ineffective since we began the "Western Desert" campaign on December 9th, and it is estimated that at least 100,000 prisoners have been taken in the course of these actions.

Three French units which took part in the battle are now said to have consisted of a detachment from Cyprus, considerably reinforced by effectives from Syria under General de Larminat.

These French units were also in the forefront of the attacks on Sidi-Barani and Bardia.

The Independent French News Agency states that the Free French forces in Egypt under General Catroux are soon to be reinforced.

87 Raids In A Day at Tobruk

R.A.F. bombers made 87 raids on Tobruk during the day which preceded the launching of the army's attack, and this played an important part in the capture of this Libyan port.

From dawn to dusk on that day R.A.F. bombers were almost continuously over Tobruk, while during the night Derna and Agolonia, further along the coast, were also heavily bombed in order to prevent reinforcements being sent up.

Apart from the moral effect of such bombings the R.A.F. apparently silenced a number of guns.

Fighter pilots also had little rest, maintaining constant patrols throughout the operations.

Despite all this activity the R.A.F. lost only three planes in ten days.—Reuter.

END OF FASCIST REGIME LOOMS NEARER

THE END OF THE Fascist regime is brought yet nearer by the fall of Tobruk, is the theme of London newspaper editorials on the latest success in Libya, which is hailed as another example of General Wavell's military brilliance.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes that the whole province of Gyrenaica is imperilled and our sea and air power much enhanced by the grip on Tobruk.

As for the rest of the Fascist Empire in Africa, important movements are proceeding swiftly on and beyond the frontiers of Eritrea and Abyssinia. It may not be long before Mussolini hears the passing bell of his Imperial ambitions and rule.

Where, Italy may well ask, were the squadrons of the Luftwaffe which were to change the fortune of war in the Mediterranean?

Fatuous Vanity

Describing Graziani as "this most unpugnacious of soldiers," the paper says that the futility of his strategy is doubtless not all his own but was partly imposed on him by the inefficiency of the Fascist system and the fatuous vanity of Mussolini.

He has been hopelessly over-matched by the British commander, General Sir Archibald Wavell.

The history of war records the names of few generals of equal success in that most difficult of military arts—to extract the greatest possible advantage from victory.

The swiftness of movement and smashing power of each British blow in this Libyan campaign will long be examples.

Grand Strategy

Another nail has been hammered into the Fascist coffin, writes the "Daily Mail."

Wavell's campaign has had a far-reaching effect on the grand strategy of the war. It has caused Hitler to divert strong forces of bombers to Sicily in an attempt to break our mastery of the Mediterranean.

It has led to the complete subservience of Italy to the German Dictator.

Saying that the presence of Australians in Tobruk will be material for some "member of the Fascist thuggery to turn round and blame the Italian people for lack of resolution," the "Daily Express" asks "How much longer will Italians swallow the shame of their rulers' incompetence or hope for Hitler to save them?"—Reuter.

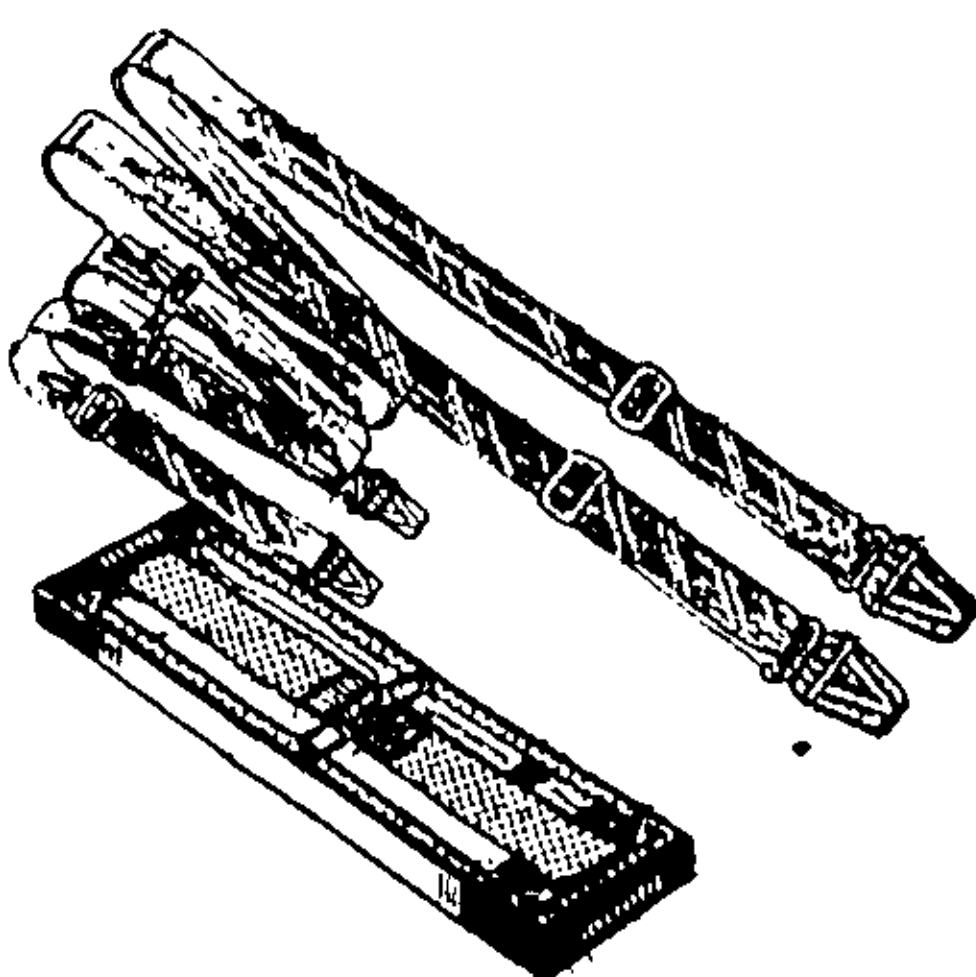
BARTER SYSTEM IN CHINA

The War Zone Economic Commission is encouraging the institution of a barter system between provinces producing salt and rice as a measure to regulate the supply of these staples.

Both Chekiang and Fukien are bartering salt for Kiangsi rice. Arrangements have been completed for exchanging another 60,000 bags of Chekiang salt for Kiangsi rice.—Central News.

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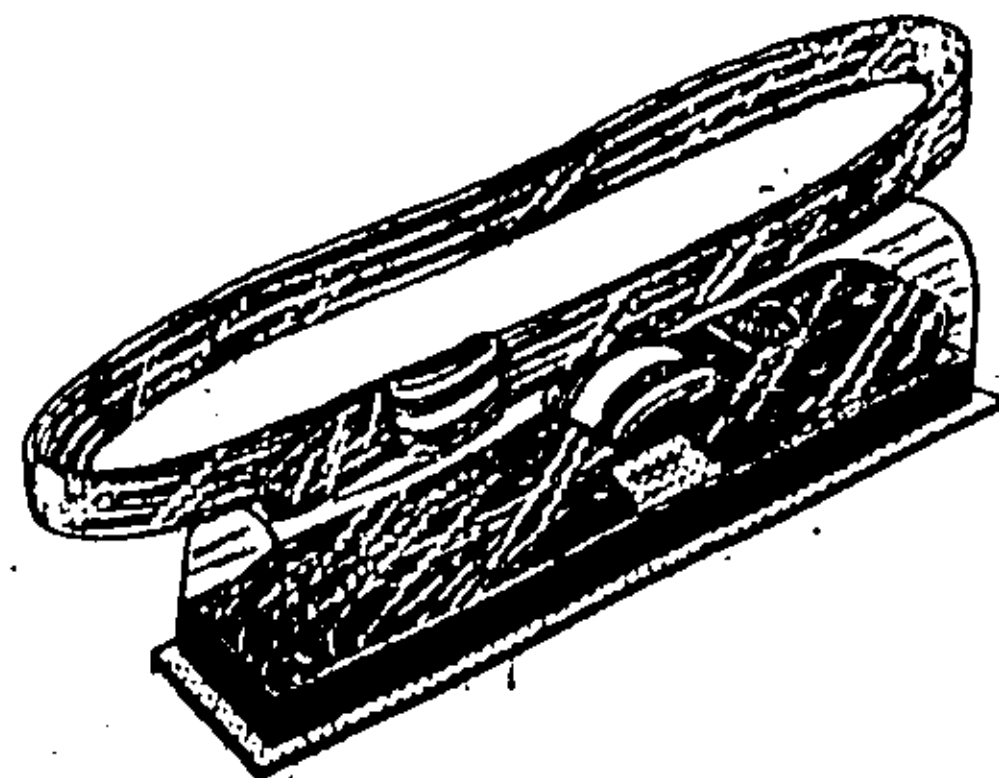


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Nazi-Controlled Press Impatient And Annoyed

Threats To Petain

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

NEWS FROM VICHY, OR RATHER PARIS, APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT THE SITUATION HAS NOT DEVELOPED AS THE GERMAN HOPED AND EXPECTED.

Although Marshal Petain has been officially reconciled to Laval for a week Laval has not been reinstated in the Cabinet, and the German-controlled Paris press is getting impatient and very annoyed, asking why Marshal Petain hesitates.

INDIA'S HUGE DEFENCE LOAN SUBSCRIPTION

The grand total subscription of the All-India Defence Loan up to January 18 was nearly 480,000,000 rupees, it was announced in New Delhi yesterday, says Reuter.

The Paris press goes further arguing that Laval was obviously a victim of intrigues which have now been exposed, and that if no steps were taken against persons in the Vichy entourage responsible for the "criminal agitation against the 'saviour' of France.

There is at present no indication of Vichy's reaction to the tremendous German pressure in favour of Laval's restoration to a position of authority in the Vichy Government.

It is obvious, however, that Laval is now so discredited in French eyes that if he is forced upon the Vichy Government it will be regarded as a humiliation and will not make Laval or the Germans more popular.

Resilient Spirit

The whole episode strengthens the belief that the much more resilient spirit prevailing at Vichy is finding sustenance in the knowledge of British Mediterranean successes, while Admiral Leahy's interviews with Marshal Petain can have left no doubt as to the reality and magnitude of American aid for Democracy.—Reuter.



Wheel changing is all in the day's work for members of the Women's Transport Service (the F.A.N.Y.), who are in training at Kerringham Park, Norfolk. (Fox Photos, Copyright).

AUSTRALIA TO MARK FALL OF TOBRUK

IN CELEBRATION OF THE FALL OF TOBRUK, MR. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, HAS ASKED CHURCHES ALL OVER THE DOMINION TO OBSERVE SUNDAY AS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE.

"We must not overlook the fact that although casualties were small, each casualty is a great blow to some family or circle of friends," he said.

Yet those who fell gave their lives in an action which will have

a great effect on the war and will cause great satisfaction in Australia.

COLONEL BINGHAM 'SACKED'

Colonel "Old School Tie" Bingham, who wrote a snobbish letter about Army officers to the press a few days ago, has been relieved of his post.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Captain Margesson, Secretary of State for War.

Captain Margesson said that Colonel Bingham, who was in charge of an officers' training unit, had committed a breach of the King's Regulations and an expression of the Army Council's severe displeasure had been conveyed to him.

In addition, Captain Margesson had decided that Colonel Bingham was no longer suitable for the command of an officers' training unit and he had given instructions for him to be relieved of his post.

Colonel Bingham wrote a letter to the press a few days ago in which he expressed the view that in order to get efficient leadership of men it was necessary to train those from families accustomed to lead and who had "the advantage" of a public school education. Leaders from other classes of society were not suitable, he said. His views promptly received vigorous criticism in the Press of Britain.

TROOPS IN CONTACT IN ERITREA

The Imperial troops are now in contact with Italian forces that withdrew from the Kassala area and which are now holding defensive positions, declared a Cairo communique yesterday.

The communique adds that operations continue to develop successfully.

Of operations in Abyssinia it says that pressure on the enemy east of Metemma is being maintained.

In Kenya offensive activities by Imperial patrols continue.—Reuter.

DERNA HEAVILY BOMBED

Derna, in the Libyan Desert, was heavily raided by the R.A.F. yesterday.

Several tons of bombs were dropped on barracks and other military targets, causing large fires and explosions. Fires were visible 80 miles away.

Raids were also made on Apollonia.

Throughout the day R.A.F. fighters maintained a continuous patrol covering the army's advance.—Reuter.

MAHARAJAH'S NEW GIFT

A FURTHER MAGNIFICENT GIFT OF £37,500 HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE MAHARAJAH OF MYSORE FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLANES. The Maharajah has sent a further £7,500 to the Lord Mayor of London's air raid distress fund.

LINDBERGH TRIES TO CRAB AID BRITAIN BILL

A LANDING OF TROOPS in an attempted trans-ocean invasion of the United States was "absolutely impossible," declared Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, testifying yesterday on the Lease and Lend Bill before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington.

Col. Lindbergh agreed, however, that trans-Atlantic bombing raids could do "considerable damage."

Col. Lindbergh said he did not believe there was any danger of the United States being invaded by sea or air as long as she maintained an army, navy and air force of reasonable size in modern condition, and provided she established bases essential for defence.

Besides bases in Newfoundland and the West Indies, Hawaii and Alaska, Col. Lindbergh recommended the establishment of others in Canada, parts of South and Central America and the Galapagos Islands, while secondary bases might be established in Greenland.

10,000 Fighters

He said the United States would be wise to construct as rapidly as possible a total air force of about 10,000 thoroughly modern fighting planes plus reserves, though

the desirable size of the air force largely depended on conditions elsewhere in the world.

Opponents of the Lease and Lend Bill had asked Col. Lindbergh to testify but he did not mention the Bill in his opening statement.

Lindbergh's View

Col. Lindbergh expressed the view that even a combination of the United States and Britain could not win the war "on the present basis."

He did not believe that anything short of war by the United States would win the war unless there was a collapse behind the lines.

He believed the American people's stand in favour of aiding the British was a "mistake."—Reuter.

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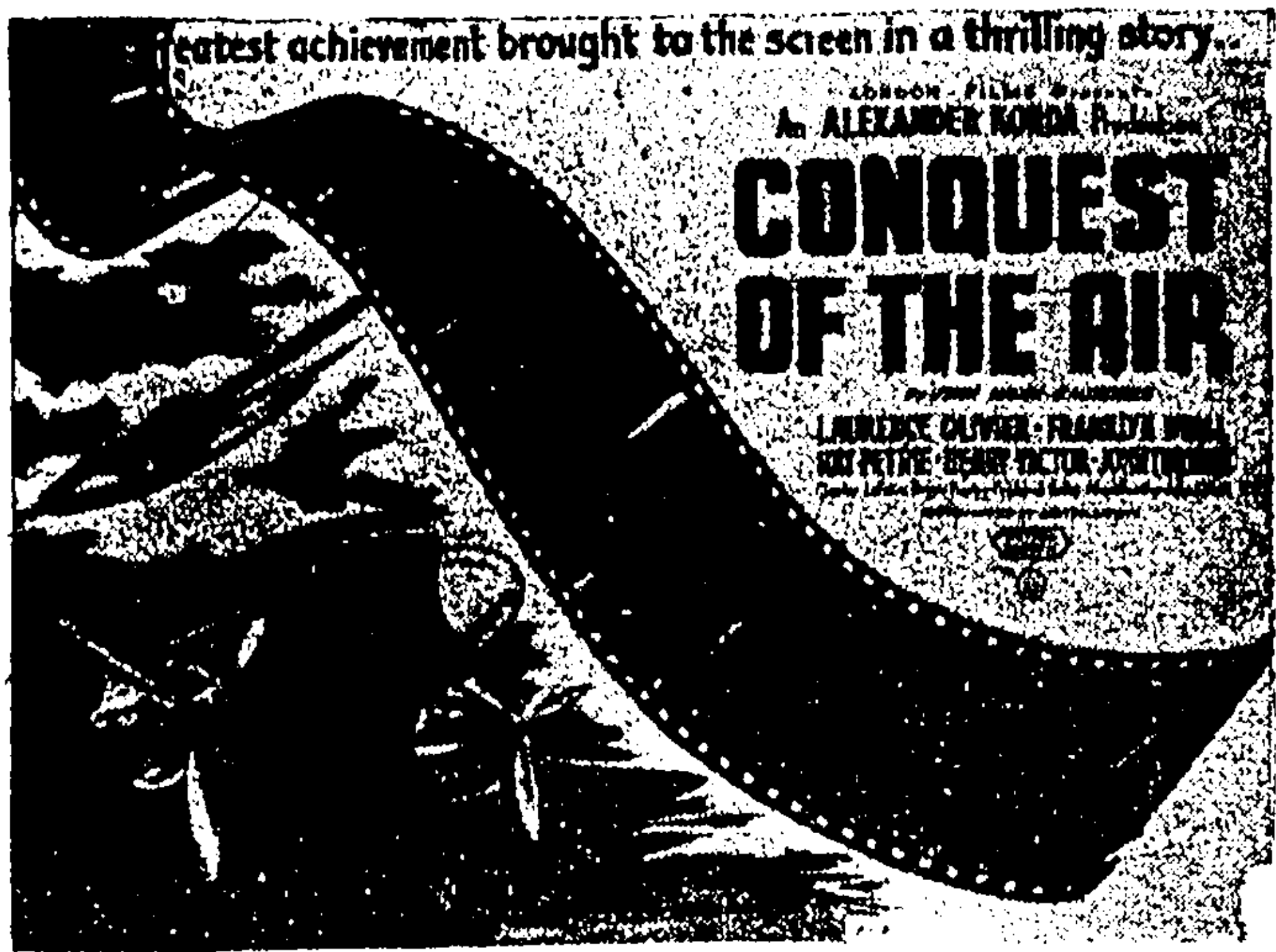


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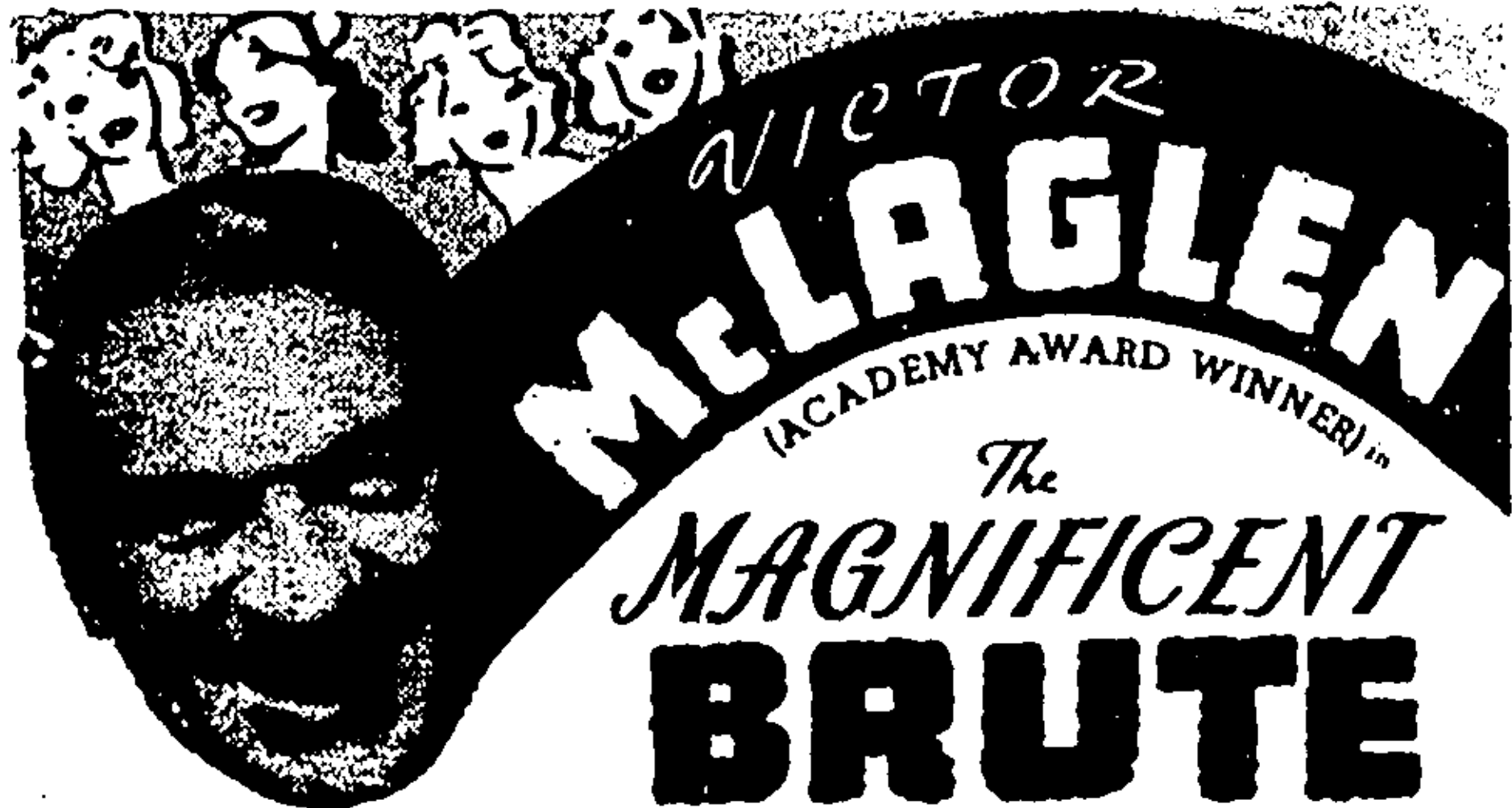
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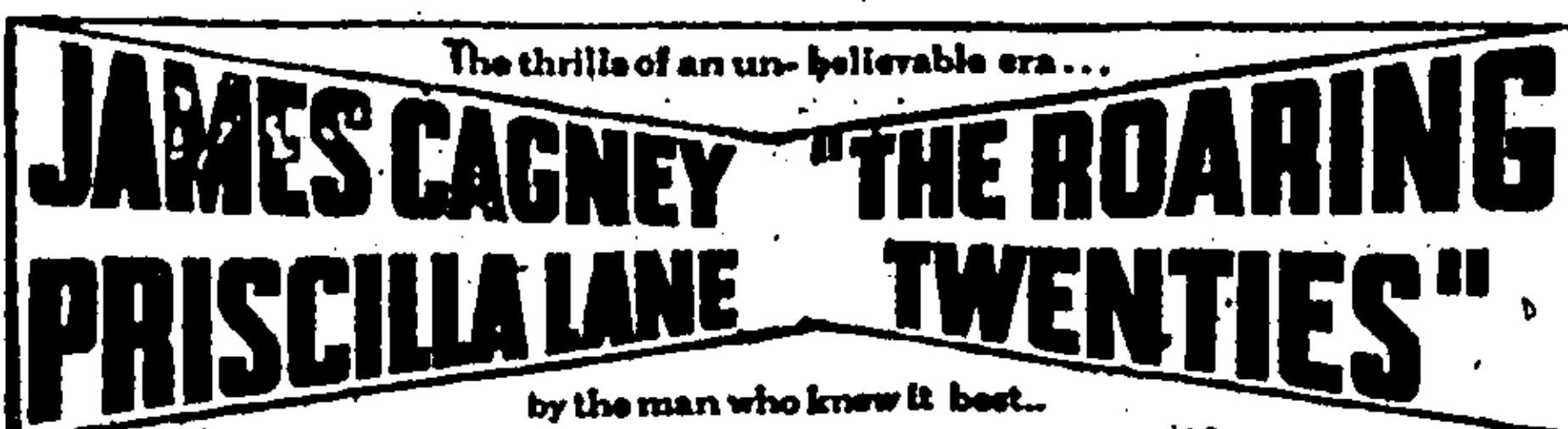
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BRITISH DOMINATION OF MEDITERRANEAN: NEUTRAL VIEW

THE "GOTHENBURG NYTIE" YESTERDAY DECLARED THAT AFTER THE BATTLE OF BARDIA AND THE QUICK OFFENSIVE ON TOBRUK THERE SEEMS HARDLY ANY DANGER THREATENING BRITISH DOMINATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The "Goetborg Posten" says that the possibilities of an Italian-German tiger spring from Sicily to Africa, taking Bizerta en route, seems at present fantastical.

The British are not quite without resources to meet such a spring but an expedition which now looks as if it can quite quickly, in a changed situation, be natural, if many abandoned plans of invasion of Britain as too risky.

Germany has weighed the alternatives and found a help for Italy via Sicily politically and militarily least risky, if not perhaps most effective.

Germany in such a case confines herself to giving pressed Italy help by making difficult British transport from the home and to Greece and Egypt. Absolute prevention can never be achieved because Wavell's army is provided mostly from Suez with Australia, New Zealand and India as sources of help.

Fleeing Everywhere

The "Handels-Tidning" says so much is clear that the Italians are retreating everywhere.

Italy's position as a partner of the Axis has suddenly weakened. That considerable German help has been sent to meet British progress in the Mediterranean shows the dangerous situation.

When Mussolini this time met Hitler his position was quite other than before. For every day that goes it is becoming all the more pressing for Hitler to regain lost Axis prestige in Albania and Africa.—Reuter.

WAVELL'S FIVE-DAY MARGIN

When General Wavell's forces began the brilliant drive through the desert into Libya it was imperative that they should take Sidi Barrani within five days; had they not done so the drive would have been off.

Reason for this was that the troops had only five days' water supply.

This was revealed last night in a broadcast war commentary from London by Major-General R. J. Colling.

General Wavell's original attack, he said, might have had to be one of the tip and run type — a mere raid though on a large scale.

"Without water none could have carried on. In fact, without the help of the Navy, who somehow managed to land stores and thousands of gallons of water at Sollum, I do not think it could have been done.

"Except for what they were lucky enough to capture during the advance there was no water at all between Mersa Matruh and Bardia, nearly 150 miles away.

"Water has been, and may be again, the crux of the whole show." —Reuter.

GESTAPO SWOOP

GESTAPO MEN HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO SEIZE THE FUNDS OF THE NORWEGIAN SHIPPING ASSOCIATION AND TO SEAL THE OFFICES.

On the orders of the Nazi Commissioner, Terhoven the Association has been disbanded, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The Association president, Bjørn Hansen, and the managing director, Klameness, have been arrested for the second time since the German invasion of Norway.—Reuter.

HEAVY RAIDS ON SICILY

Aerodromes in Sicily were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers during the night of Wednesday/Thursday.

A Middle East communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in Cairo yesterday says that at Comiso a quantity of incendiary and explosive bombs were dropped, causing explosions which continued for 20 minutes.—Reuter.

Two Chinese women were injured yesterday afternoon when the verandah of No. 62, Second Street, collapsed. They were admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

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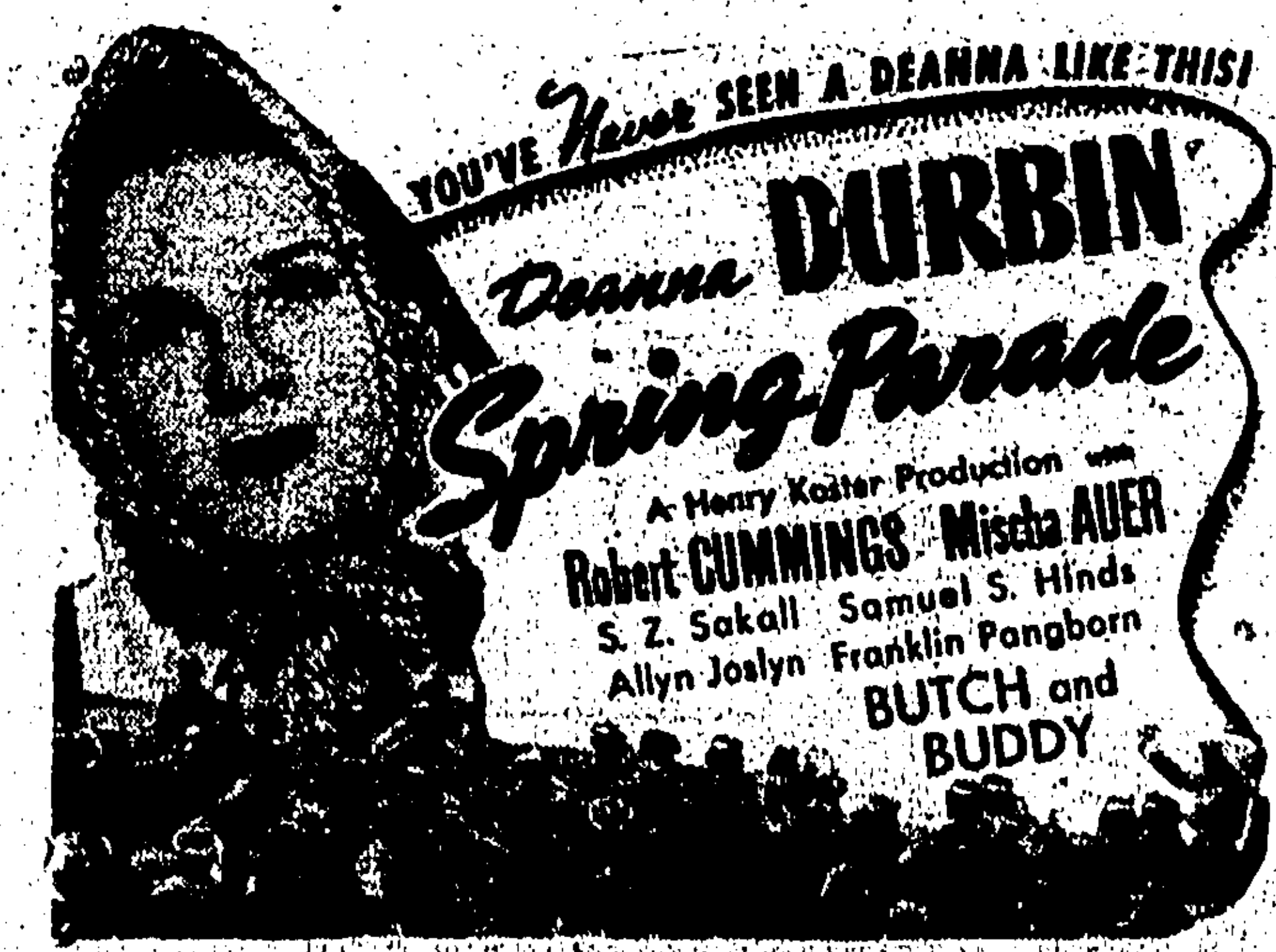


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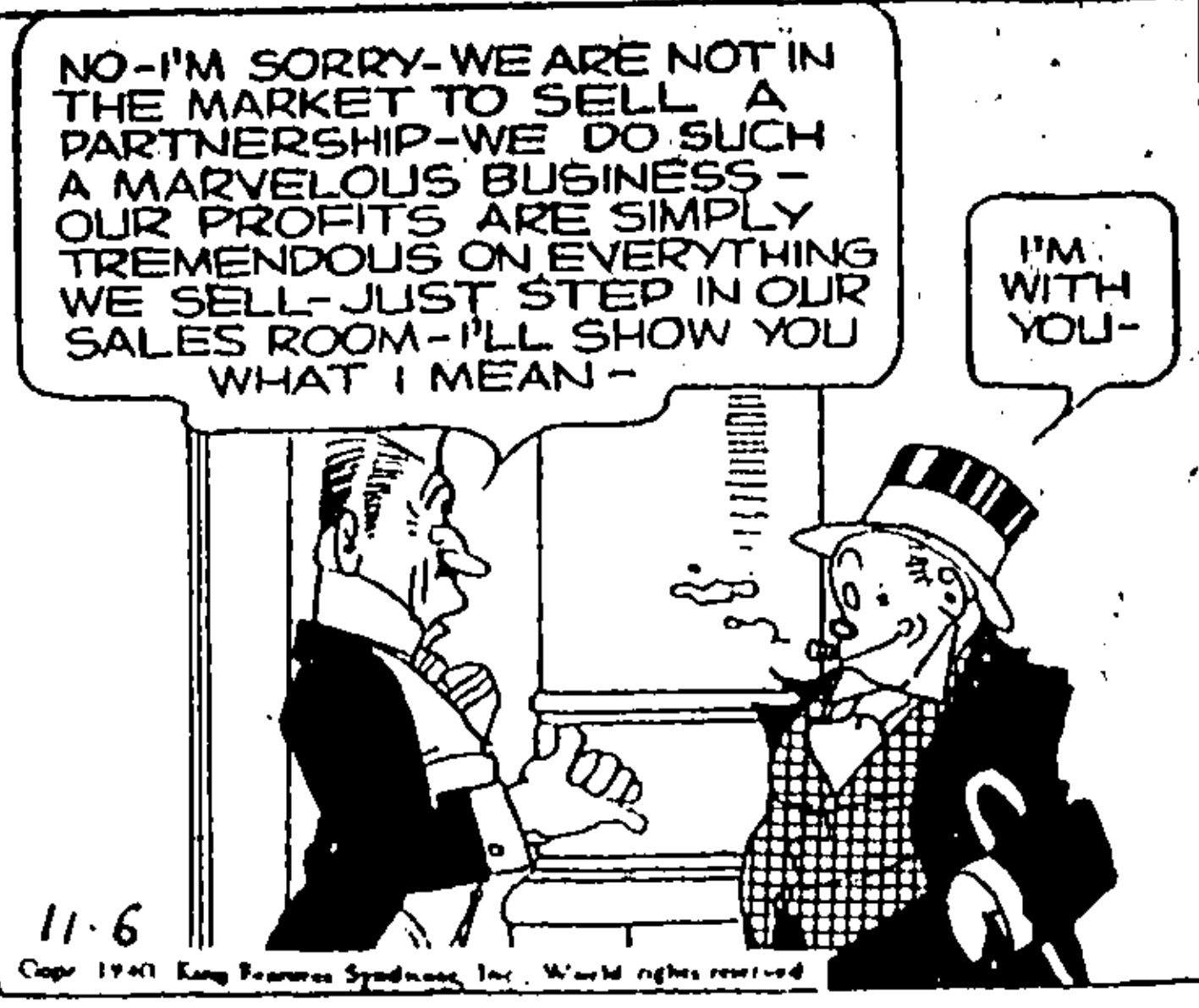
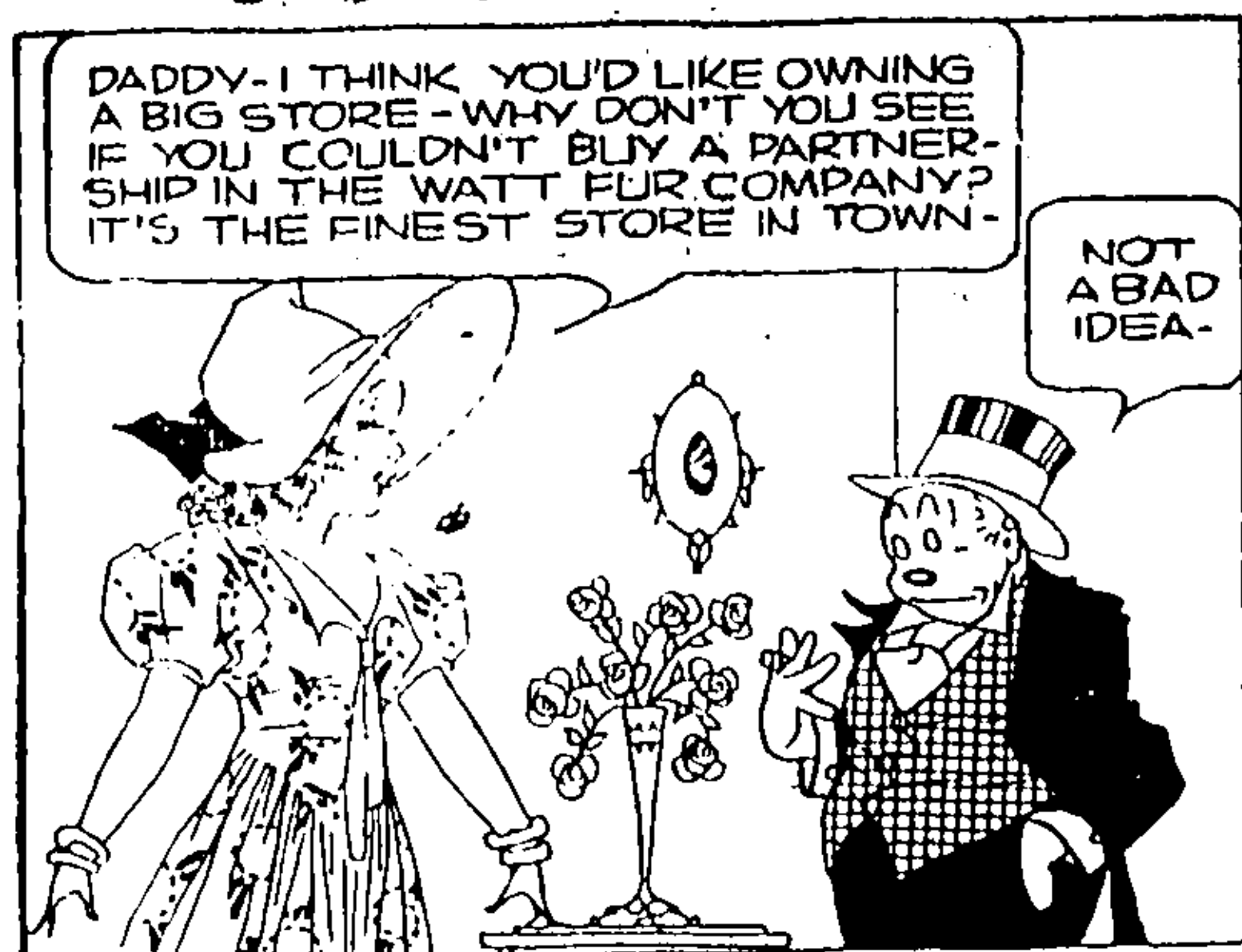
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ANTONESCU BECOMES DICTATOR

General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, has proclaimed a military dictatorship, according to the Yugoslav newspaper "Vereme" in Belgrade yesterday.

Yugoslav reports quoted by Budapest radio state that General Antonescu is negotiating with the Iron Guard in order to clean up the situation.

It added, however, that the Rumanian radio has warned people against staying in the streets as the "disarming of detachments offering resistance may occasion some shooting." Rumanian troops have already recaptured the Rumanian Broadcasting Company's building, according to some reports.

It is stated, however, that fighting still continues in Bucharest and other large towns. Yugoslav circles in Budapest, the announcer added, expect a recrudescence of trouble in Rumania within a few days.—Reuter.

"Order Restored"

Bucharest radio announced at 1.15 yesterday afternoon (according to a Belgrade radio broadcaster) that order had been restored everywhere in Rumania.

The Bucharest announcer is said to have stated that the army is taking orders only from General Antonescu.—Reuter.

DESERT AIR BATTLE

In an engagement with a number of Italian aircraft one enemy monoplane fighter was shot down at Sidi Ugherreb, 26 miles west of Tobruk, and one of our aircraft was lost.

A night attack was made on Maritza (Rhodes) and many bombs were dropped on the aerodrome, causing fires among military buildings.

In Italian East Africa further raids were made on Adad and Assab.

From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.—British Wireless.

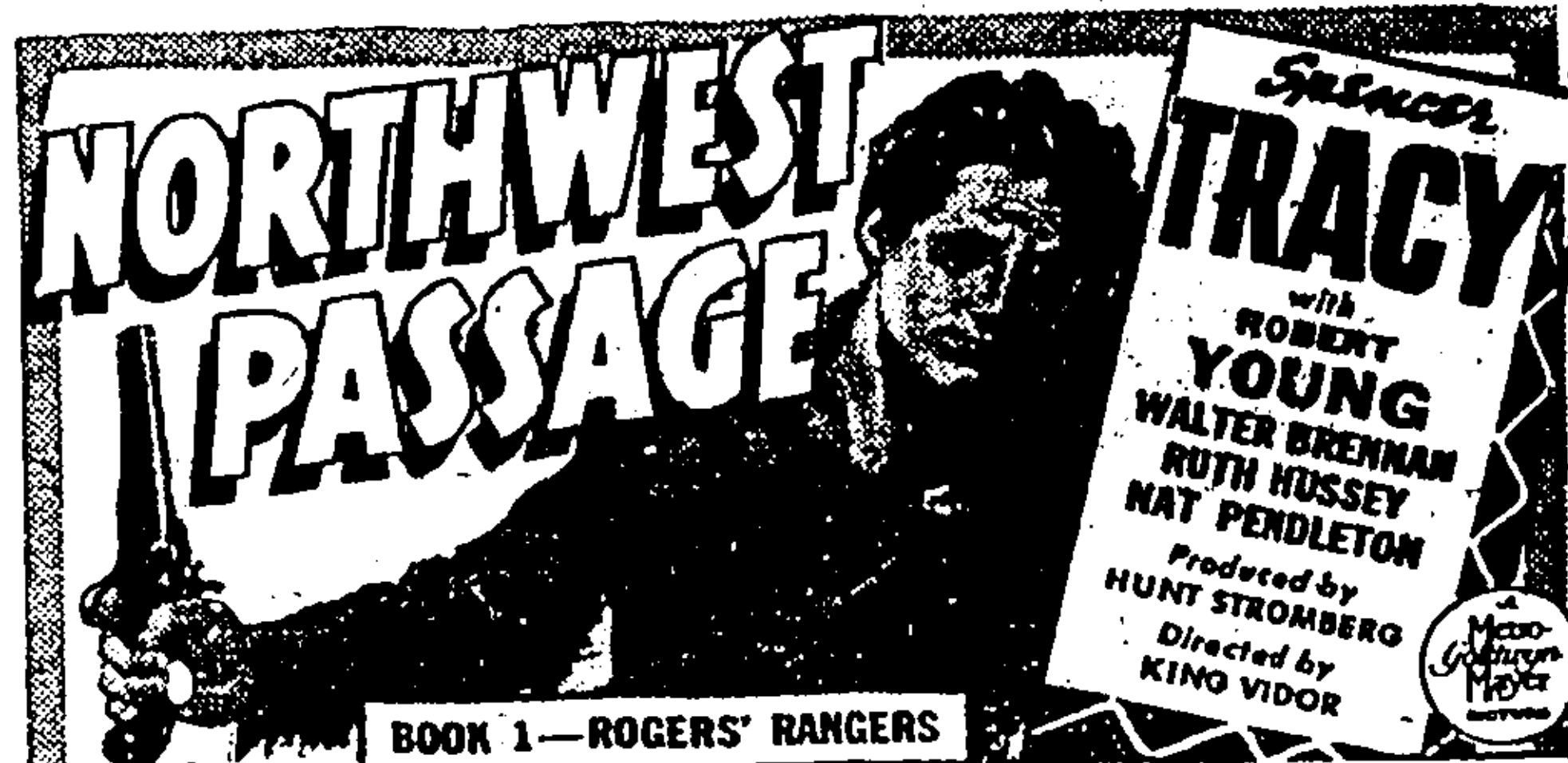
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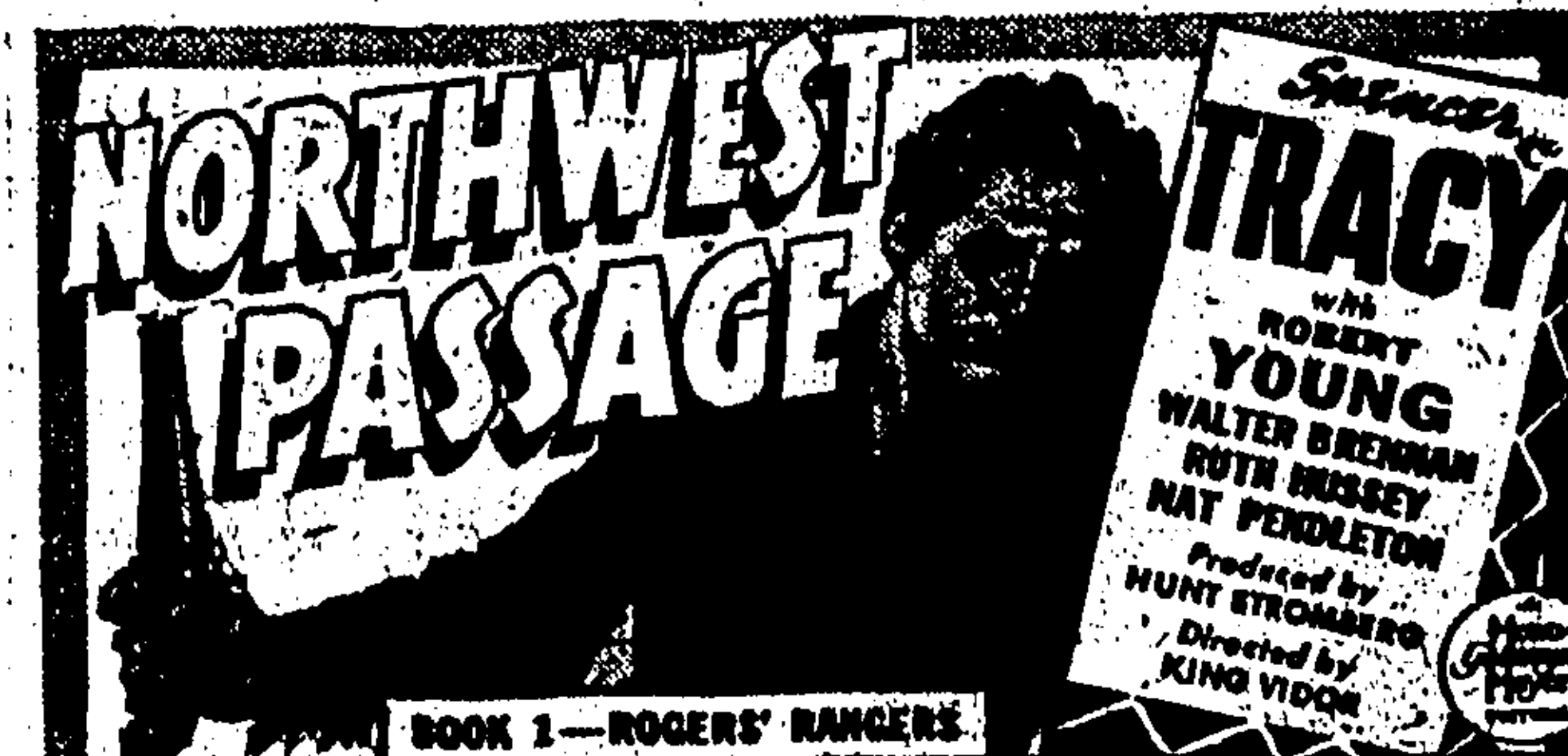
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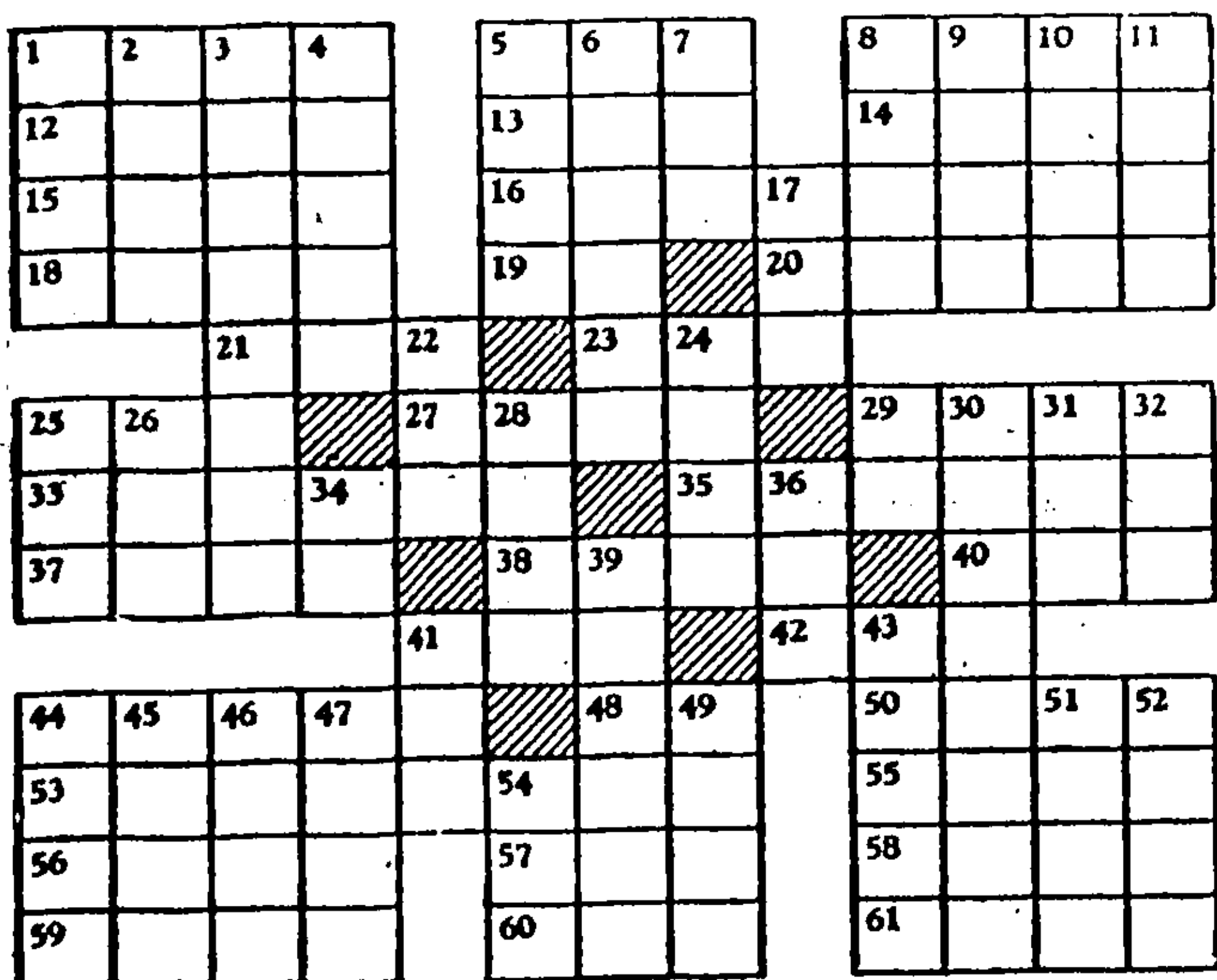
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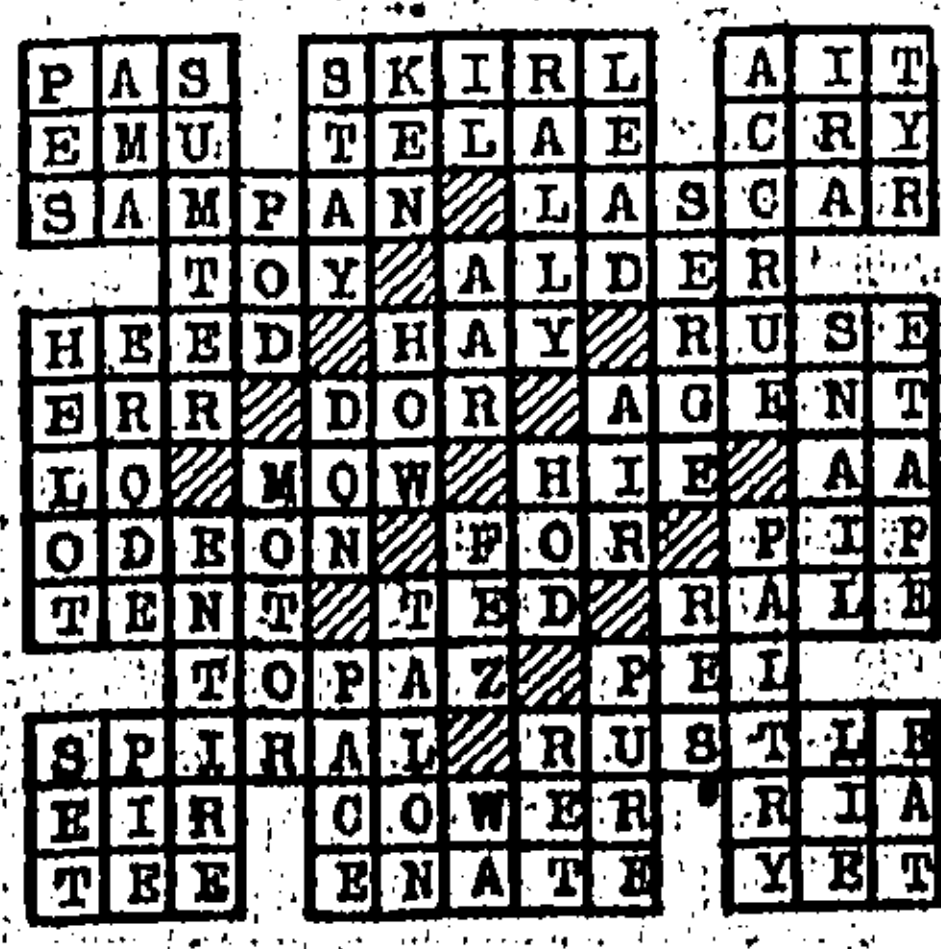
HORIZONTAL

- 1 On the ocean
- 5 To coagulate
- 8 Secure
- 12 Disembodied spirit
- 13 Chopping tool
- 14 Recreation
- 15 Spanish cooking-pot
- 16 To convince
- 18 Origin
- 19 Prefix: good
- 20 Constellation
- 21 To turn right
- 23 And not
- 25 High priest
- 27 Repetition
- 29 Bacteriologist's culture
- 33 Fair for charity
- 35 Tempestuous
- 37 Raised
- 38 Appellation of Athena
- 40 Goddess of mischief
- 41 Confusion
- 42 Likely
- 44 Artificial waterway
- 48 You and me
- 50 City in Nevada

VERTICAL

- 1 Ancient lyre
- 2 Alone
- 3 To praise extravagantly
- 4 Winged
- 5 To stare open-mouthed
- 6 They go out
- 7 Gaelic sea-god
- 8 To incite
- 9 Turkish regiment
- 10 To become indistinct
- 11 Orbs
- 17 Sparoid fish
- 22 Period of time
- 24 Bacteriologist's wire
- 25 To recede
- 26 Malay gibbon
- 28 Toward the mouth
- 29 Indo-Chinese language
- 30 Thankful
- 31 Norwegian territorial division
- 32 Cereal grass
- 34 Paid notice
- 36 Chinese pagoda
- 39 Sofa
- 41 Moslem name
- 43 To babble
- 44 Tropical tree
- 45 In bed
- 46 Rortian saint
- 47 Arabian seaport
- 49 To be outstanding
- 51 Novel by Zola
- 52 Fortified seaport in Algeria
- 54 To consume

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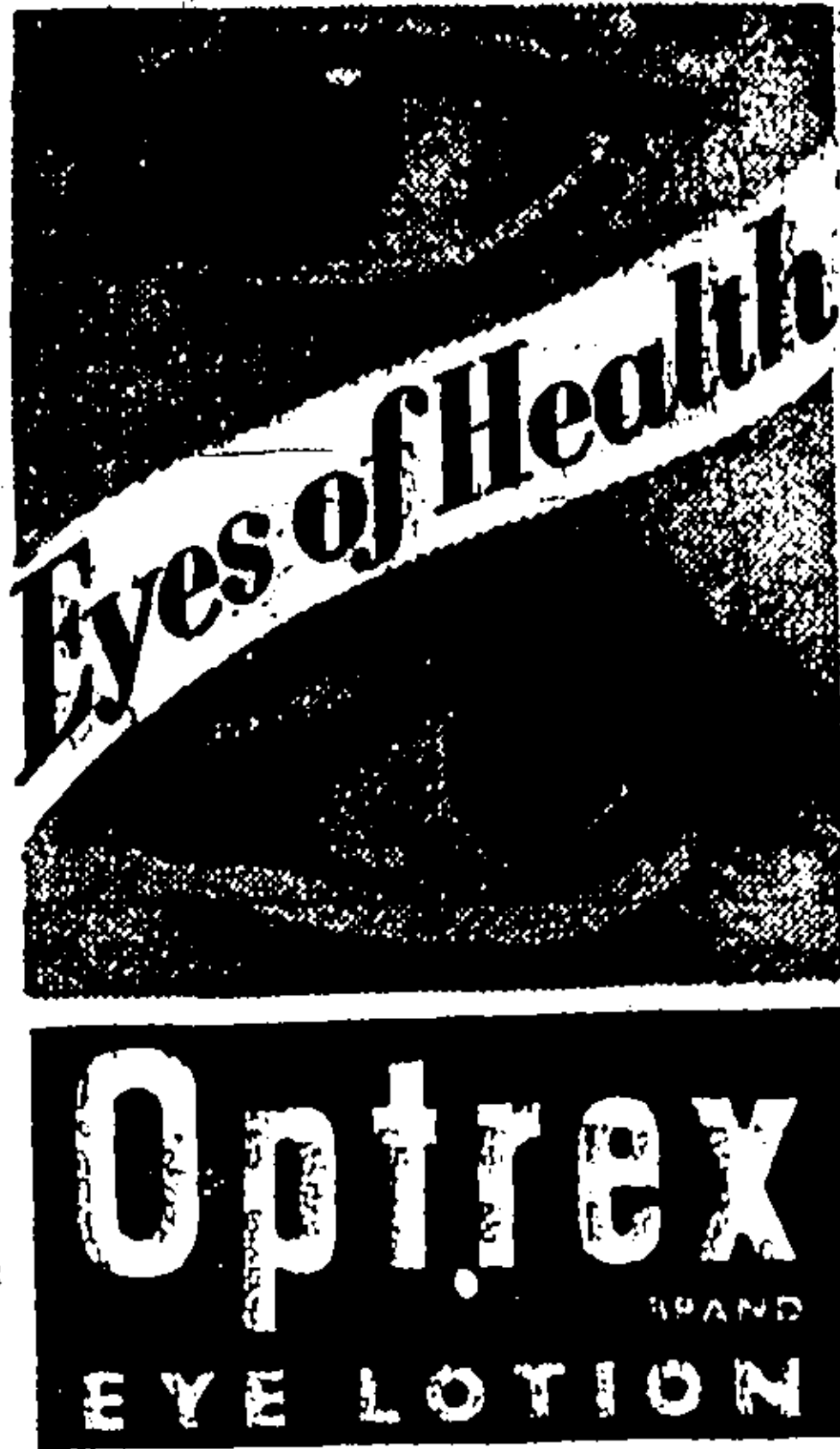
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The total of prisoners was estimated last night at 20,000, which includes the Metropolitan 61st Division, the peace-time garrison of the port, 1,500 members of the naval garrison and 700 of the crew of the sunken cruiser San Giorgio.

Military police and customs officials reveal that 100 civilian technicians and fishermen were also among the prisoners.

The garrison surrendered at 10.15 on Wednesday morning.

Australian cavalry regiments in Bren gun carriers stormed the main road to the town, broke the steel and concrete sandbagged barrier and drove in. Met by a couple of bursts of machine-gun fire they promptly replied. Then the entire garrison surrendered.

I followed into the town with khaki-clad Australian infantry, men caked with dust from the Libyan Desert, burnt with the sun and with uniforms torn after days of strenuous fighting.

Forts Silenced

As I entered a gateway with the victorious Imperial troops thousands of exhausted and unnerved Italians were streaming out.

All resistance had virtually ended by sunset the day before.

The Solaro Airense Forts had been silenced after stiff fighting and the stronghold of Pilastrino, which had been putting up terrific artillery fire, had been captured.

During the attack on Pilastrino the Australians unexpectedly came on fourteen Italian tanks in a dried up river bed. Reinforced by an anti-tank battery the infantry, although suffering some casualties, knocked out the tanks quickly.

One Australian captured a tank and the crew of four with his rifle and bayonet.

General Taken

Pilastrino was occupied by the British and it shelled the Solaro Airense Forts until they also were taken.

In the open desert between Solaro Airense the Brigadier commanding the Australians captured Major-General Derra Mura, of the 61st Metropolitan Division.

Meanwhile the eastern and western sectors of the perimeter defence had been cut off. After that they resisted only spasmodically and quickly surrendered. — Reuter.

SOVIET RETICENT

The lifting of the United States "moral embargo" on the export of planes to Russia has been announced on the Soviet radio but not yet in the press, as no newspapers were published in Moscow yesterday.

Official Soviet circles are reticent on the subject but opinion in Moscow is that the lifting of this ban, coupled with the establishment of an American consulate-general at Vladivostok, suggests an improvement in Soviet-American relations. — Reuter.

NEW MILITARY ATTACHE IN CHINA

Major-General Lancelot Ernest Denny, M.C., the new British military attaché to China, arrived in Chungking from Burma yesterday morning by plane.

The assistant British military attaché is expected in Chungking shortly.

Major-General Denny is now the second most senior military attaché in Chungking, senior being the new Soviet attaché, who arrived recently. Lt.-Gen. Chavkov, who was active in the Finnish campaign. — Reuter.

CAPRONI BOMBERS DESTROYED

Three Italian Caproni bombers were destroyed by the South African Air Force in a midday raid on Yavello Aerodrome, in Abyssinia.

Following a reconnaissance, during which bombs straddled the main targets, two waves of aircraft went over.

The first showered high explosives and incendiaries on the aerodrome, scoring a direct hit on a Caproni which burst into flames.

The second wave found a fire raging round two aircraft and scored a direct hit on a third, which also burst into flames.

One pilot dropped a salvo directly on a hangar while another pilot hit hutments and barracks.

The raid was made by the same squadron which recently destroyed two Italian aircraft and crippled four more at the same aerodrome.

This squadron alone has already carried out 63 operations against the Italians. — Reuter.

"TOO TOUGH" FOR HITLER

Hitler had found this island "too tough," said Mr. Ernest Brown, M.P., Secretary for Scotland, speaking at Newhaven-on-Forth.

He told his audience of fishermen and fisherwomen that we had got to remain tough and use our toughness as a basis to break Hitler and his gang of terrorists.

TOBACCO FUND

THE OVER-SEAS LEAGUE HAVE MADE AN APPEAL THROUGH THE BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND, HONG KONG, FOR COLLECTIONS ON BEHALF OF THEIR TOBACCO FUND FOR THE FIGHTING FORCES.

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Such monies will be forwarded to the League in due course.

DEMONSTRATION OF JAPANESE "NEW ORDER"

THE SHOOTING INCIDENT at the Municipal Ratepayers' meeting in Shanghai yesterday is the subject of comment by Hong Kong Chinese papers.

This outrage, "Lih Pao" says, clearly explains what the much-publicised "New Order in East Asia" really means. It also shows the futility of satisfying an aggressor bent on the construction of a "New Order" by concessions.

Attitude Of Powers

The outcome of the Shanghai International Settlement issue hinges on the attitude of Great Britain and the United States. If the two Powers are determined to maintain the status of the Settlement and indicate their determination by firm action, it is possible to avert a major crisis. On the contrary, if they lack this determination, the danger of the Settlement falling under Japanese control can hardly be avoided, the paper says.

The "Ta Kung Pao" also questions whether the outrage represents what the Japanese mean by the "New Order."

"The outrage belies all the Japanese professed concern over the maintenance of peace and order in the International Settlement." — Central News.

LOCAL ESTATE

Local estates sworn under \$22,000 was left by the late William Julius Allen, of 215, Wanchai Road, who died at the French hospital on November 27th, 1940. A petition by Luiz Carlos Rozario Sousa, bank clerk, for the probate of the will has been granted.

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JAPAN'S POLICY

The speeches of Mr. Matsuoka, Prince Konoye and Mr. Kawada, the Finance Minister, change nothing, do nothing to improve the delicate international situation or to worsen it. There was more bellicosity about Mr. Matsuoka than Prince Konoye, and rather more concern expressed by Mr. Kawada regarding the outlook than in the speeches of the Prime Minister or his Foreign Minister.

Not one of them indicated, however, any change of direction in Japanese policy; the emphasis was upon further sacrifices to prepare Japan to meet the crisis.

Nevertheless, the reactions of Japan as a whole to the general situation hardly seem to support the view that she will precipitate any violent action which might extend the war to the Pacific.

With what expectations she entered into her pact with the Axis it is impossible to say with certainty. Probably she considered that some good might come as a result of it and that no harm could, unless by further action she brought it on herself. She has China on her hands, and is now entering on the fourth year of a war in which she has not yet made any decisive progress. Her economic position is precarious. Russia watches her with a far from benevolent eye. The prospect of a conflict with America cannot be attractive to her.

The chances are that, having made an ugly face to Britain and America, she will now walk softly for a time. The Japanese statesmen, politely sucking in their breath as they speak, will explain in Washington and in London that they never did intend any violence and, for a while at least, their assurance will hold good.

The eyesight of Japanese statesmanship and the big business which finances war has always been pretty keen when directed to the jumping of the cat.

HITLER'S MOVE

Speculation on the Hitler-Mussolini meeting still centres upon the decision reached regarding the direction of the next Axis stroke. Observers are torn between two lines of approach. There is the estimate of Hitler as a gambler, ready to risk all upon an attempted invasion of Britain's shores, in which case he would not

Wildly paradoxical as it may sound to some, it is proper for a secret service to be secret, and for its activities to be concealed.

Its existence cannot be concealed, for every schoolboy knows, as Macaulay used to say, that each country has its agents of espionage in every other country, and also agents at home to counter the machinations of foreign spies.

But if it is faithful to its role the only occasions when its existence should excite remark is when a wide-awake watcher of events reading between the lines (for that is where the important news is usually discoverable) spontaneously comments on an enemy move anticipated or frustrated, "that must have involved some clever secret service work."

Unfortunately during this war circumstances have not often prompted us to utter compliments of that kind. Maybe if we were in closer touch with the facts we should realise that we are giving our Intelligence less than its due.

An organisation whose worth depends on the secrecy with which it acts obviously cannot publicise its successes in justification of itself. Nor can it answer criticism however ill founded or wide of the mark.

On that account fairness demands that suggestions that possibly it is not doing as well as it might should not be lightly advanced, especially as they will make agreeable hearing for the other side.

It has seemed on such evidence as is available that rather too frequently during this war our Intelligence has locked the stable door after the steed has been stolen.

Worse still, it has sometimes seemed that the door has not been locked even when the thief had proclaimed his intentions about the removal of the steed.

permit himself to become too deeply embroiled in the Balkans or in rescuing Signor Mussolini. There is the other Hitler, determined to secure all strategic points before turning to the more vital task.

Suggestion, therefore, still is that he may move through Rumania into Bulgaria and Salonika, with the ultimate aim the control of the Straits of Gallipoli.

Hitler is involved in a desperate race against time. He knows that Stalin will not in the least like to see him in effective control of the Straits, and that if he could he would do something definite about it.

Hitler may be betting that he can carry out his plan before Stalin is ready to move. If he can carry it out at all, he is possibly right. But it is by no means certain that he can carry it out at all, and he is adding very heavily to the contingent penalties of failure.

The difficulties on the way are by no means negligible. The alteration of the relations between the two Dictators in the Mediterranean contains endless possibilities of future friction.

So much so that Major Milner proposes to ask some questions about our Intelligence when the House meets again.

During the war of 1914-1918 our Intelligence had some brilliant

achievements to its credit, and it was universally acknowledged to be in every branch of it second to none of its rivals.

In this war, so far as the layman can judge, its record is undistinguished. It has not, from all appearances, supplied the Government with early information about any major scheme or opera-

tion (diplomatic or military) that was on the Nazis' agenda. Nor has it laid a Mata Hari or a Von Rintelen by the heels.

Perhaps such dramatic figures are like the cavalry anachronisms, perhaps totalitarian warfare offers no scope for the exercise of their peculiar talents.

Yet when one recalls what happened in Poland, Norway, and the Low Countries, it outrages credibility to contend that under the ubiquitous and resourceful Gestapo there are no successors to the Mata Haris and Von Rintelens today in Britain, rubbing shoulders with us in the street, the train, the restaurant, and the cinema with ears always vividly on the alert for information that might be grist to Himmler's mill, and passing as people as harmless and loyal as you and I.

For their service also is secret. For them, too, the condition of their survival is that they should not be suspected for what they are.

If there are spies and few, I imagine will doubt it — are we equipped to outwit them?

It would be comforting to believe that we are, but there are disturbing stories in circulation of intelligence officers who are such only by courtesy title and who owe their positions, not to merit, but to push or influence.

The bulk of these stories may, of course, be the idlest chit-chat of gossip dinner table, but some of them ring true.

Moreover, it cannot be gainsaid that two or three brilliant investigators with vast experience in detecting and defeating cunning and unscrupulous malefactors of all sorts have — surprisingly — not been recruited to pit their practised wits against the enemies of the country as they have pitted them against the enemies of society in peacetime.

If this is an accurate portrayal of the situation, to permit its continuance would be a crime — nothing less — against the people of the Empire and most particularly against the Empire's fighting men.



The American Role

Senator Wheeler would have the United States government intervene in the war with an eight-point programme for the settlement of European questions. Thus, in point one he believes that the "working basis" of "a just peace" would be the restoration of Germany's 1914 boundaries. But in point three he believes that Alsace-Lorraine, which in 1914 was German, should be restored to France. In point two he proposes the restoration of independent France, Holland, Norway, Belgium and Denmark. But he does not mention Austria, which in 1914 was not within the German boundaries. His general idea is that the United States should sponsor a territorial settlement in Europe based not only upon the renunciation of all the Nazi conquests, but upon the acceptance by Germany of the thesis that, as regards France, the victory of 1918 is to stand and the defeat of 1940 is to be forgotten.

Senator Wheeler may think this is so reasonable that it might end the war without further fighting. But in fact he is proposing a set of territorial war aims for the Allies which require not only the total defeat of Hitler but the dismemberment of greater Germany.

It is a curious thing that a professed isolationist should think it desirable for the United States to intervene in Europe for the purpose of fixing the territorial boundaries of European states. The President, happily, has known better. He has known better than to repeat the mistakes of 1918 when the United States, instead of realising and then proceeding to fulfill its true role in the world,

found itself entangled in the parochial boundary disputes of central Europe. For what Senator Wheeler is now proposing is the very thing which caused us to lose the peace that we helped to win by our victory in the war: once we had taken a position in favour of one frontier and opposed to another, we had either to underwrite and police the specific settle-

ment we had helped to impose or wash our hands of it and of all further effort to maintain the peace of the world.

The President's conception of our role in the world is, as his address made so clear, to make the United States the citadel of freedom, impregnable amidst the two oceans, and in this citadel to make America the arsenal for all those on the other shores of the oceans who fight now for their independence or will later on rebel against tyranny. We help Great Britain, China, Greece and their allies now with all the means at our disposal, and we create here in this continental fortress the weapons which will, come what may, guarantee the survival of freedom and its final victory.

For tyranny can never win a final victory, can never consolidate its conquests, can never establish a new order of dominion and slavery. As long as there is an America which is itself unconquerable, which never acknowledges the defeat of our civilisation, never ceases to support free men and make available to them an inexhaustible supply of the things men must have to resist and rebel and revive.

In this conception of the American role in the world our principal

task, if we are to be the arsenal of democracy, is to develop here a capacity to produce arms and munitions of war superior to the total productive capacity of Europe. No smaller programme than that is sufficient. We shall not have done what may be needed to win the war, and what will certainly be needed if the war is not won, unless we take as our objective the capacity to build and outproduce the whole of Europe.

We are able to do that. We operate in time of peace — leaving out Russia's uncertain new capacity — about one-half of the great industry of the world, and our potential capacity is far greater than anything we have yet made use of. For the production of weapons of war our potential capacity is, as compared with all of Europe and Japan besides, enormous. For nowhere else in the world is there a workshop like the American — one which cannot be bombed, one which has sure access to raw materials, one operated by free men, not by sullen and rebellious and sweated slaves, one so trained to the use of technological improvements and mass production.

We are, moreover, a people who often do small things carelessly. For little things do not interest steadily these people used to continental spaces. But great projects we carry out with a fervor that is lighted by the greatness of our aim and by the conviction that what is done in this immense land must be done on a large scale. The President must know this. He must know that the more he asks the more this nation will produce — that only if he fails to set the task greatly will the people fail to respond enthusiastically.

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LORD CROFT, Joint Parliamentary Secretary for War, in a speech yesterday referred to the new successes of General Wavell's army.

He said: "To-day we are attacking, we have assumed the offensive and Italy is reeling under the hammer blows of the Royal Navy, the R.A.F. and our magnificent Army of the Middle East.

To-day our main army has advanced over 220 miles from railhead and 400 miles from its base. It has swept forward in one of the most brilliant series of victories in the history of war.

CATHOLIC CLUE TO INACTION

The fact that not all relevant foreign balances in the United States have been frozen to prevent the Axis countries from using their American balances is largely due to a delicate situation involving the Roman Catholic Church, according to well-informed sources in New York yesterday.

It is understood that when the Administration was considering freezing foreign funds, the Catholic authorities in the United States pointed out that this would disclose the amounts Rome received from the United States and would also prevent their transfer to the Vatican.

It is felt that this situation can be overcome.

The effect on Axis funds of the freezing process that would follow would be to limit or reveal their employment for purposes inimical to the United States.

There is considerable sympathy for Britain on being obliged to reveal her entire financial position but the frankness with which Britain complied undoubtedly helped her cause.—Reuter.

On Tuesday, after a preliminary bombardment, our troops assaulted Tobruk, which is 76 miles on from Bardia, and according to all reports this operation has been carried out with the same skill, courage and success as at Bardia and Sidi Barrani.

The toll of prisoners goes up and once more British arms on land and sea and in the air have triumphed in a further remarkable success whilst our armoured forces have already been reconnoitring at considerable distances west of Tobruk." Lord Croft summed up the lessons of the campaign in Africa.

Vital Concomitants

"They prove once more the immense value of sea power. They prove that with perfect staff work and cooperation between the three Services the British race can still achieve the apparently impossible in war.

They prove that our modern army, when fully equipped, can move with great speed, that with armoured divisions well handled we can perform all true cavalry functions with a tempo immensely quickened and with the distance of striking power amazingly lengthened, and that air power for reconnaissance, counter-attack and support of infantry can make a great contribution to the success of our arms.

Air attack and tank attack are vital concomitants in modern warfare on land and their support and cooperation have been of the greatest aid in Libya."—British Wireless.

BELGIUM PRO-BRITISH

Pro-British programmes are to be broadcast twice daily to Latin-America from the Belgian Congo's official wireless station at Leopoldville.

The Belgian Legation at Mexico City reiterates that despite Belgium's surrender the Belgian colonies will continue the war at the side of Britain. —Associated Press.

ITALIANS AND LOSS OF TOBRUK

The Italian press yesterday made a valiant effort to minimise the importance of the fall of Tobruk.

Newspapers stressed the view that the capture "cannot substantially change the course of the war" and declared Italy was resolved as ever to fight on until final victory was achieved.

In descriptions of the great battle emphasis was laid on the bravery of the Italian defenders "who fought against greatly superior forces upon whom they inflicted serious losses in men and material."—Reuter.

POSTPONED

It is announced that owing to unfavourable weather, the function at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong, in connection with the opening of the new tennis courts, arranged for to-morrow, has been postponed.

N.E.I. REPLY TO MR. MATSUOKA

THE FIRM STAND of the Netherlands East Indies against any interference with their sovereignty was reaffirmed in Batavia yesterday by Jonkheer van Mook, Director of Economic Affairs.

Commenting, in an interview with Reuter, on Mr. Matsuoka's speech in the Japanese Diet, van Mook said he failed to understand what Mr. Matsuoka meant by "a situation which has hitherto thwarted relations of good neighbourliness" with the Japanese.

"Our relations with Japan have been promoted in the same manner and zeal as those with other countries," van Mook declared.

Discussing Mr. Matsuoka's statement that "if only for geographical reasons" the Netherlands East Indies should be in intimate and inseparable relationship with Japan, van Mook said the economic structure of the East Indies made it necessary to promote trade relations with both Allied and neutral countries alike on the largest possible scale.

He added that despite the war 90 per cent of the East Indies export income was derived from other than East Asiatic countries.

That proved, he said, that the mere geographical situation was not a deciding economic factor.—Reuter.

MUZZLELESS DOG: CAUTION

Mr. W. Robertson, of No. 50, Nathan Road, was cautioned by Mr. E. Hinsworth this morning when summoned for allowing his dog to wander in Hankow Road without a muzzle at 9.30 p.m. on January 7. He stated that the dog slipped out of the house and he reported to the police immediately.

HEY PRESTO!

Leaving his stall in Tung Hing Street unattended for a few minutes yesterday, a hawker, Cheung Hung, returned and found his entire stock of oranges had disappeared.

The oranges, contained in five rattan baskets, were valued at \$101.35.

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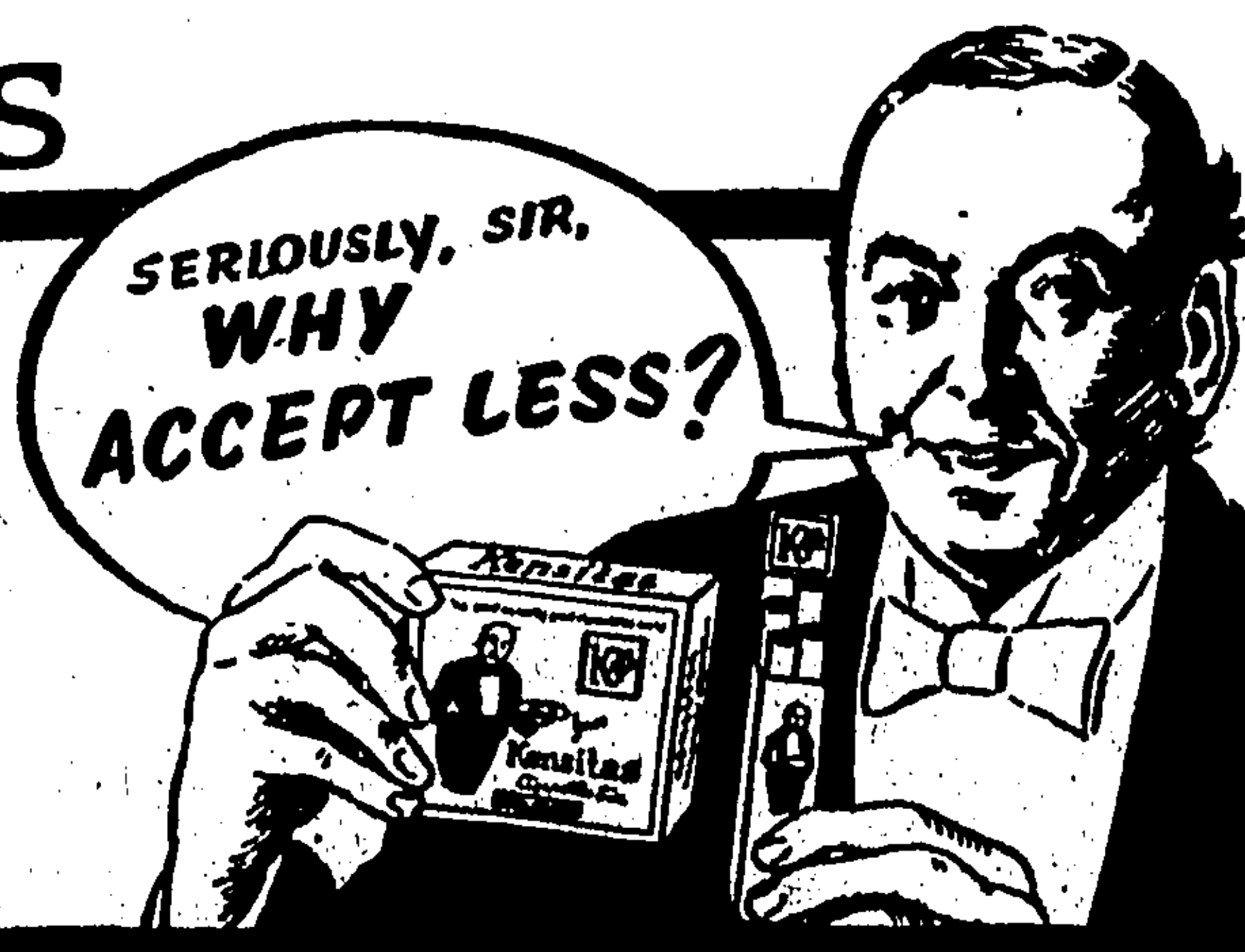
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A REFORM
IN THE ARMY**

PANTIES HAVE PUT Quartermasters in their place. They tried to hand them out to A.T.S. at clothing parades. The girls giggled. Q.M.'s blushed. Now girls are not only in charge of their own undies section, but the men's also. And they don't blush.

The Q.M.'s got what was coming to them at one of the biggest combined Army and A.T.S. centres. It was easy for them to throw two pairs of pants and woollen vests into the arms of a soldier and say, "Scram."

But they couldn't sling a khaki suit at an "A.T." It was no use ordering her to pick up the first pair of boots in sight and telling her to "swop" them if they didn't fit.

Jested—Gave Up

"Bundles of women's undies had been coming into the stores for a long time," a staff officer of the Army Ordnance Department told a reporter.

"The boys made jests and wondered what was going to happen at the clothing parade.

"There had never been a parade like it before in the Army.

"The Q. M.'s Staff began well. Then they became embarrassed. In the end their bravery vanished.

"Finally they told the girls to take 'two of each' and no more and hid their heads until that part of the parade was all over.

"The girls will never forget that scene.

"They enjoyed it. They dived among the shelves like women rushing at drapery sale time."

Women In Charge

This scene in the Quartermaster's stores taught the Army a lesson.

Generals decided that in future women must be in charge of a store for women only.

Then someone had another idea. "Women could supply men with clothing without a blush," it was suggested.

"Why not staff the department with women, retaining only a few men to do the heavy work."

That would free more men for the fighting units.

So now Britain's fighting men have their battle dress issued to them by women.

**MAN BLOWN ON
TO ROOF**

A council inspector walking in the street was blown 15ft. on to the roof of a bank and badly injured by a high explosive bomb which fell in a London shopping centre.

**C.N.A.C. 'PLANE
RUNS INTO
THUNDERSTORM**

AN EXPLANATION OF rumours that a C.N.A.C. 'plane had been forced down in Japanese "occupied" territory on Wednesday night was given by the local offices this morning.

It was learned that the machine, on the Hong Kong-Shiukwan service, left Hong Kong on Wednesday evening and encountered a thunderstorm before reaching its destination.

As a result of the thunderstorm the radio apparatus was damaged and the pilot was forced to make an emergency landing to effect repairs as he realised that the prevailing weather conditions would entail a certain amount of risk if he continued the flight without radio communication with the Shiukwan aerodrome.

The machine resumed the flight at dawn the following morning without further incident and returned to Hong Kong this morning.

**FORTUNES
TO U.S.
RACKET**

An international currency racket is smuggling tens of thousands of pounds out of Britain.

A loophole in Britain's currency control has been found through which fortunes are being systematically smuggled to America.

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There is no financial control on Eire such as is imposed on Anglo-American currency deals.

**ATTEMPT
TO ROB
ENVOY ON
TRAIN**

Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy who arrived in Belgrade on Wednesday night, was received yesterday by M. Onetkovitch, the Yugoslav Premier, according to a Belgrade telegram received in Vichy.

Colonel Donovan told reporters he planned to stay two or three days in Belgrade and hoped to visit Prince Paul, the Regent, the Vice-Premier and War Minister, as well as other military leaders.

He declined to say whether he had a personal message for Prince Paul from President Roosevelt.

He said his mission had nothing in common with that of Mr. Sumner Welles who visited Europe last Spring as the President's special envoy.

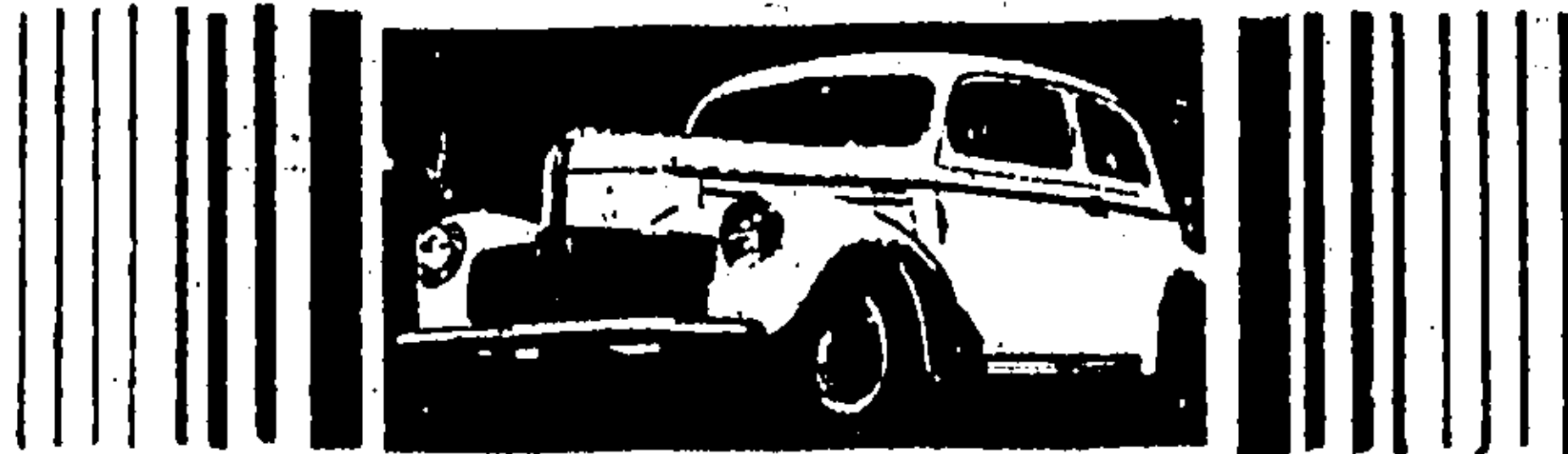
Colonel Donovan will later visit Athens, Turkey, Palestine and Egypt, arriving in Egypt about the middle of February.

ASKED REGARDING REPORTS THAT IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM HIM ON THE TRAIN BETWEEN SOFIA AND BELGRADE, HE REPLIED THAT ONLY HIS PASSPORT WAS MISSING. — REUTER.

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Hong Kong, 23rd Jan., 1941.

BANK HOLIDAYS

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Hong Kong, 22nd January, 1941.

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WOMEN DEFY BOMB TO SAVE MEN

Here is a story of heroism under fire—of a sailor's mother and a soldier's bride going to the war while their men wait in the reserve lines.

When they learn from the press of the courage and devotion to duty shown by their women-folk there will be no prouder members of the Forces than Able-Seaman Leslie Elliman, twenty-year-old son of Mrs. Dorothy Elliman, of Wooton-crescent, Bristol, and Sergt. Sidney Jones, of the Tank Corps, newly wed husband of Mrs. Joan Jones, formerly Miss Evans, of New-bridge-road, Bristol.

Mrs. Elliman, aged forty and the mother of four children, and Mrs. Jones, aged twenty-one, bride of a fortnight, were on duty as volunteer nurses in a first aid hospital in works which were recently bombed during an air raid.

Learning that a trench shelter had been hit in the works they dashed out of cover and for five hours worked in the open amid bombs and flames, pulling wounded, dead and dying men out of the collapsing ruins of the trench and giving them injections to ease their pain.

Then they went back to their jobs.

This is Mrs. Elliman's modest account of the "battle" in which she played so heroic a part.

"I am really an inspector at the works, but for over six months, in my spare time at night, I have been going regularly to a hospital to learn first aid.

"When the air raid alarm went I ran to our hospital in the works. Before I could even get my coat off they carried in an injured man.

Saved Wounded Man

"They laid him down facing the hospital door, and Nurse Jones, one of the regular nurses there, asked me to support him while she fetched some water to bathe his head. Just as she returned a bomb fell close at hand.

"We both threw ourselves on top of the man and fortunately no one was injured.

"My back hurt rather—caused by the blast—but just then a man was carried in crying that many people were trapped in a trench I slipped on my apron, but did not wait to get a tin hat. I just grabbed some swabs, caught hold of Mrs. Jones to help me, and together we ran across about thirty yards of open ground to the trench.

"It was a terrible sight. The walls of the trench were collapsing and the A.R.P. squads, who were trying to get the buried men out could not use spades for fear of cutting someone.

"They had to dig with their hands. They went on for hours.

"Meanwhile, I managed to burrow head first into the trench, pulling people out and giving first-aid when I could do so.

"Several times bombs exploded nearby, but I cannot say I noticed them. I was too busy.

"Mrs. Jones was just behind me the whole time, handing me syringes and so on. She is so young that I tried to shield her from the worst sights.

Young Mrs. Jones was loud in her praise of Mrs. Elliman, but said little about the part she herself played in rescuing the buried men.

BRIDGE NO. 1

MAKING THE SLAM

By The Four Aces

An inference drawn from the bidding gave South the clue to the winning play for his Slam contract:

South, Dealer

North-South vulnerable

♠ K Q 10
 ♥ Q 5 2
 ♦ J 10 8 4
 ♣ Q J 6
 ♠ 6 4 3
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ K 9
 ♣ A 10 9 8
 5 2
 ♠ A J 9 8 5
 ♥ A K 7 3
 ♦ A Q 5
 ♣ K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Ace of clubs and continued the suit, dummy winning with the Jack while South discarded the low diamond. Before continuing with the play, South did a little realistic thinking.

Whenever it seemed safe, he would be able to take another discard on dummy's Queen of clubs. If the hearts were going to break 3-3, he did not need a heart discard so should discard the Queen of diamonds. But if the hearts were not going to break, the Slam might depend on a successful diamond finesse. But West's overall practically marked the location of the diamond King: West could hardly have made his overcall with just a shabby club suit and not the slightest side strength.

Finally, South evolved a good campaign for the contract. He cashed the Queen and ten of trumps, then led the Queen of clubs, discarding the diamond Queen from his own hand. Next he led to the diamond Ace and returned to the dummy via the heart Queen. The next step was to ruff a low diamond, and when West's diamond King dropped, the rest was easy. If the King of diamonds had not dropped, South intended to cash the top hearts before drawing the last trump. Then he would make the Slam if

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the hearts broke 3-3, or if the last trump happened to be held by the defender who had four hearts.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 8 7 5 2
 ♥ K 6
 ♦ K 4
 ♣ A 10 2

The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	Yon	Schenken
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Even though your partner has a minimum opening bid, his hand fits spades, and you have a fit for his diamonds. There should be an excellent play for game, so you should not risk missing it by bidding less than four spades.

Score 100% for four spades, 70% for three spades, 40% for two no-trump, 20% for three no-trump.

Question No. 622

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
 ♥ 8 6 2
 ♦ 10 4
 ♣ 10 9 2

The bidding:

Schenken	Burnstone	Yon	Jacoby
1♦	Pass	(?)	Pass

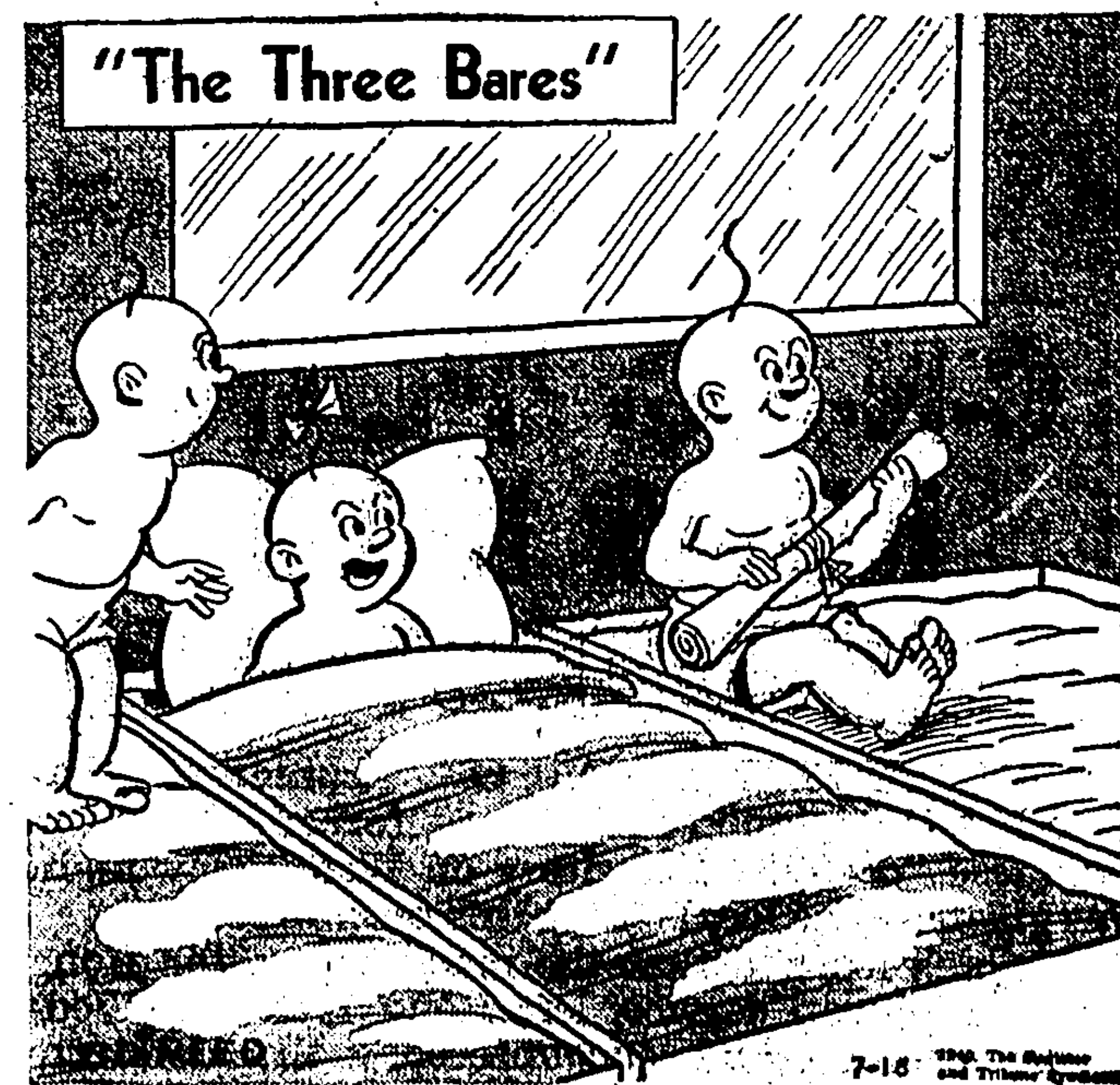
What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED

"The Three Bares"



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In his report the headmaster of the College, Mr. M. G. O'Connor, revealed that out of a total of 21 students who entered the Matriculation Examination, 12 passed with 11 distinctions.

Among those present were Mr. C. G. Solis, Director of Education, Mr. F. J. de Rome, Mr. S. M. Churn, Dr. J. M. Gray, the Rev. G. I. S. Updell and Mr. and Mrs. G. White.

In his report the Headmaster said:

"School reopened on September 18 instead of on September 11 owing to demands on members of the staff made by the war."

"The maximum enrolment was 620 and our average attendance for the year was 96.62% as against 97.46% for the previous year. This drop was partly due to the evacuation to Macao of some of the boys in July. Comparatively few boys were absent because of ill-health and no doubt, mass vaccination against small-pox and injections against cholera contributed towards this state of affairs. I regret to say that there was a certain amount of sickness among members of the staff. There was one memorable day when Queen's College could only boast of one European master on the premises."

What I have told you of our difficulties does not seem, surprisingly, to have had much effect on the results of the Matriculation. Of the 21 boys who entered, 12 passed with a total of 11 distinctions—two in English, three in Geography, three in Chemistry, and three in Mathematics. We did not achieve the same measure of success in the Class 2 School Certificate Examination, where 86 boys sat and 45 passed, four obtaining honours. The explanation may be that boys in Class 1 are better fitted to depend less on actual teaching than Class 2 boys. This is perhaps as it should be at this stage of their education. In the remaining classes, 464 candidates were examined and 341 passed. Taking the results over the whole school, we had approximately 74% successes."

The Q.C.O.B.A.

"The Q.C.O.B.A. is so much part of the school that, after thanking members for their many kindnesses, there is something else I should like to mention. 'Appointments Committee' and 'Careers Masters' are fairly well established at home now and have been for some time. Some of the members of the Q.C.O.B.A. are hoping that with an 'appointments sub-committee' of the O.B.A. and a 'Careers Master,' we might see even greater things than have been possible up to the present."

"I now tender the thanks of the School to Mr. de Martin for coming here to-day to present the scholarships and prizes. Mr. de Martin knows Queen's College from the points of view of master and Director of Education, having filled both offices with distinction, and we appreciate the interest which he has always shown in the school to which he came 37 years ago."

ASIA LANDS MEETING

The annual meeting of Asia Lands Ltd was held to-day at the offices of Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

Present were Mr. L. Kadoorie (Chairman), Mr. G. Miskin (Director), and Messrs. John Fleming, E. M. Bryden and A. E. Gutierrez (Shareholders).

The chairman said:

I regret that the Accounts laid before you show a loss of \$64,070.75, but this includes the item of Depreciation on the Company's properties amounting to \$46,533.41 so that the net working loss for the year amounts to \$17,537.34.

Income from our Po Tak Wharf has remained at the same level as last year but, unfortunately, we have had to expend some \$5,500.00 on essential repairs, which we trust will suffice for some time. Whatever hope we may have had of a better return from the Hing Kee Wharf has not been realised, conditions in the river trade having remained unchanged throughout the year. From August last, this wharf, for a period of three months, had a tenant not engaged in the river trade but what then appeared a very welcome change from our usual dependence on that trade did not last on account of the extension of Japanese activities to Indo-China.

Our house properties are all fully occupied at reasonable rentals but repairs have been considerable.

Our Bank overdraft on "General" Account has been slightly reduced notwithstanding the outlay on repairs. However, an increase of about \$11,000 has taken place in our Bank overdraft on "Piers." The income from Hing Kee Wharf was insufficient to meet Bank Interest on the relative loan. The report and accounts were adopted. The re-election of Mr. Miskin as director and of Messrs. Percy, Smith, Seth and Fleming as auditors were approved.

HEALTH EXPERTS FOR CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The war in Europe has terminated all plans of technical assistance by the League of Nations to China, it is revealed in Chungking, which is looking to co-operation from friendly Powers.

Two American health experts have been engaged and will shortly come to China.—International News Agency.

"Before I sit down, I must thank masters and mistresses for their help during the year in which we had our share of difficulties and I would like to say here that I consider myself fortunate in having such colleagues."

The following Scholarships were won by Class 1 students: Senior Morrison Scholarship: Hukam Singh,

Intermediate Morrison Scholarship: Aziz Ahmed,

Senior Bellios Scholarship: R. M. Arab.

Wright Scholarship: Chan Sui-lun and Chow Nai-yeung.

Not The First Rung

After presenting the scholarships and prizes Mr. de Martin addressed the students as follows: "I want to congratulate you on your prizes and scholarships. I remember once reading an account of a prize-giving where the speaker, doubtless with the kind intention of consoling those who were not prize-winners, suggested that prizes and passing examinations were not important."

"Do not believe any nonsense of the sort. The bottom of the class is not the first rung on the ladder of success."

"Never heed those who depreciate success."

"You cannot succeed in life without doing something to make the world a better place, and, conversely, you will not be of much use to your fellow-men unless you attain some measure of success."

CLERK WITH TEAR-GAS BULLETS

Li King-yuen, 23, clerk, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, with unlawful possession of 19 rounds of tear-gas cartridges at the Po Tak wharf, Connaught Road Central, yesterday.

Defendant was remanded for 24 hours for further enquiries.

Detective Sergeant J. R. Sykes is in charge of the case.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST TEACHER

A STORY ALLEGING that a 15-year-old school girl had been abducted by a teacher formerly employed by her family, was related before Mr. K. M. A. Barnett at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when Li Kwai-sang, 32, was charged with abduction.

Accused who claimed to be a Bachelor of Arts of a University in Shanghai, was alleged to have abducted Liu Mo-ching, 15, of Fuk Wing Street, against the will of her father.

Det.-Sgt. McPherson, prosecuting, stated that accused was employed to teach the girl Chinese lessons at her home three years ago by her family, but was dismissed after one year's service when the family discovered that teacher and pupil had become too familiar with each other.

Lately he had been, however, re-engaged to teach the younger members of the family.

The older girl usually went to school in Hong Kong with her sisters. At noon on Wednesday, she walked ahead of her sisters after school, and met accused near the ferry wharf, apparently by pre-arrangement.

That night, the girl failed to return home, although accused went to teach her sisters without making any sign of knowledge of her disappearance to her parents.

The police were notified, and a detective was sent to the house to question accused, who was suspected by the family. He denied all knowledge. At the police station, after further interrogation, he took the police to No. 24, Cheung Lok Street, where

"GOLD" RING TRICK ALLEGED

Pleading not guilty to obtaining money by false pretences, Leung Sau-chun, 17, spinster, and Mok Yau, 36, shoemaker, were remanded by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning.

Accused were alleged to have obtained \$23 from a pawnshop, by pretending that a ring pawned by them was of gold whereas it was only gold-plated.

They were alleged to have attempted to obtain money by a similar method on Tuesday.

Bail of \$200 each was allowed.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a strong anticyclone now covers the whole of China, pressure being highest over Mongolia and Manchuria.

Shallow depressions are situated over Thailand and the Sea of Japan.

he had rented a cubicle for the girl.

The prosecuting officer told the Magistrate that accused was married with four children.

Accused was remanded to enable his wife to attend Court.

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H.K. Electrics (New) \$40 sa.

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250 Electrics (New) @ \$40

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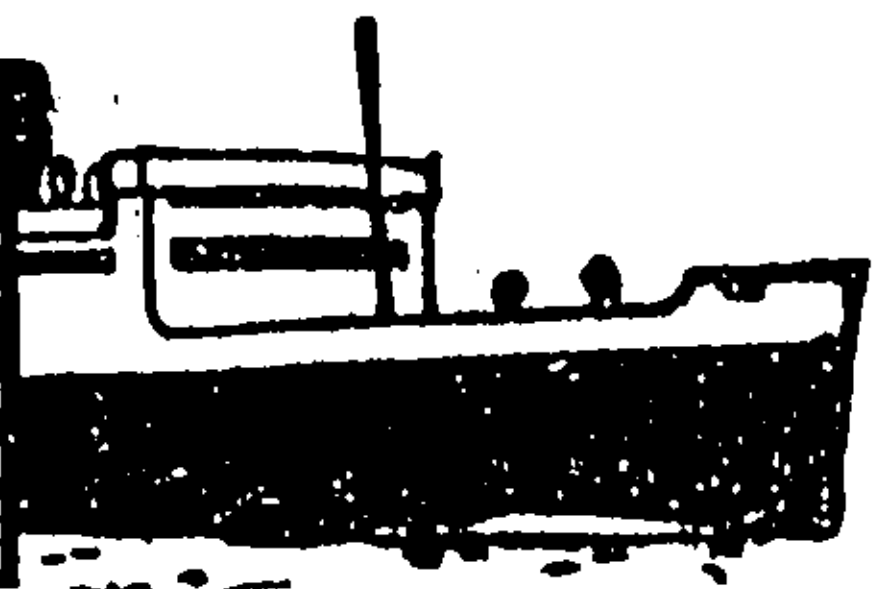


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On Tuesday, the 28th January, the
General Post Office and Kowloon Cen-
tral Post Office will be open from 8
a.m. to noon, Sheungwan Branch Post
Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 10
a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices
will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the
pillar-boxes as on Sundays and one
delivery of registered and ordinary
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28th January.

There will also be one delivery of
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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Interces-
sion.
12.30 p.m.—Film Selections.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and
Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Three Songs by John Mc-
Cormack (Tenor).
1.13 p.m.—The London Palladium
Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announ-
cements.
1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Jay Wilbur
and His Band.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
4.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quota-
tions.
6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Brahms.
7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'Questions of
the Hour.'
7.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Joe Loss
and His Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather
Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—'The Gay Nineties.'
Songs by Frank Luther with Zora
Layman and the Century Quar-
tet.
8.22 p.m.—Robinson Cleaver at the
Organ.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—Theatre-
land.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News
and News Commentary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—Talk: 'Books
and People.'
9.45 p.m.—Request Classical Pro-
gramme.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.



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Helyo Maru	Sunday,	2nd Feb.
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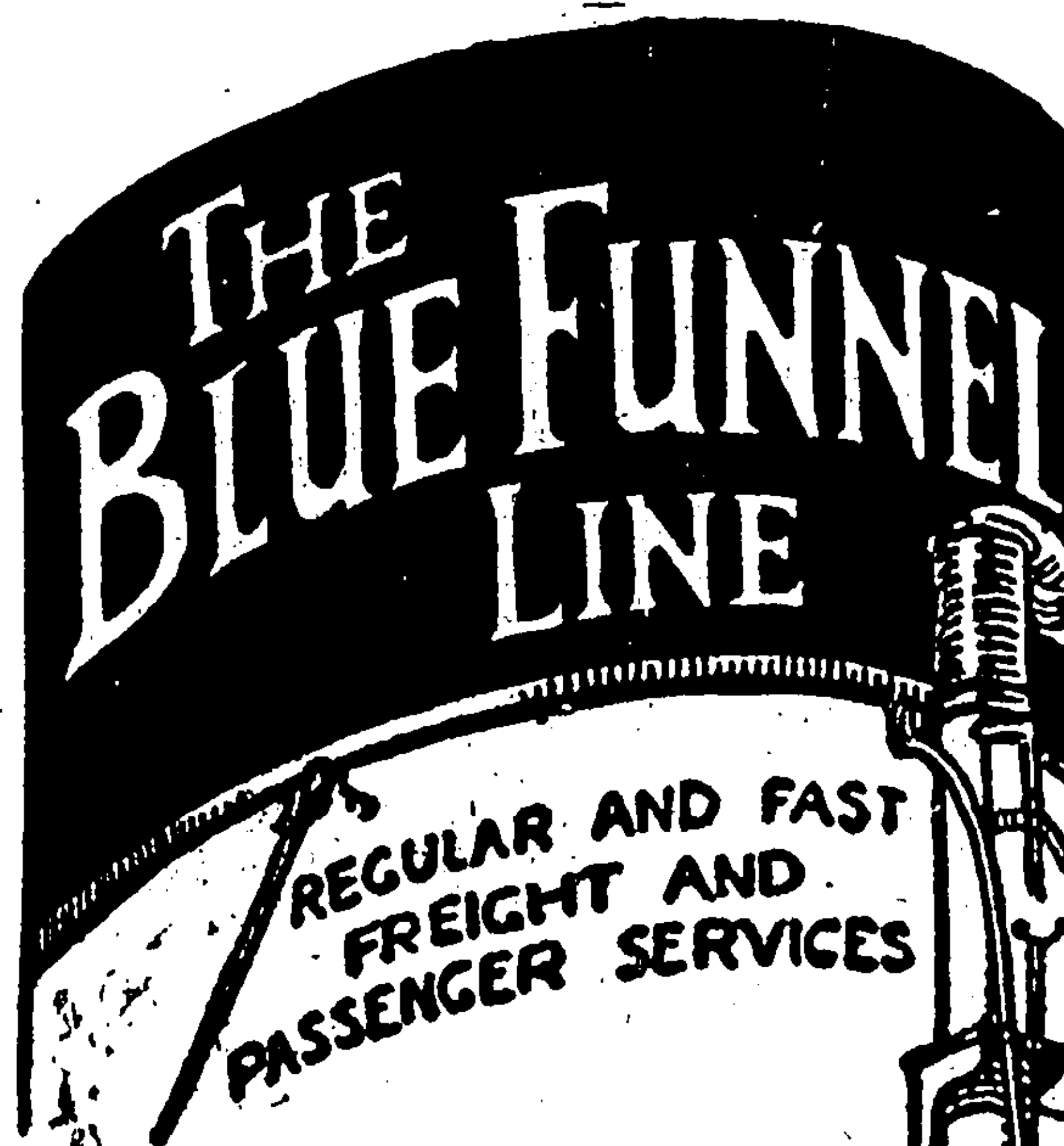
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E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	12	2	10
S. P. Chan and K. J. Atwell (King's)	6	0	6
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6	0	6
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	12	6	6
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	6	1	5
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	12	6	6
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	9	4	5
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	6	1	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	2	4
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	6	2	4
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	12	8	4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	3	0	3
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H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
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J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	1	2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3	3
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	2
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E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2	1
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3	2	1
O. el Arculli and S. A. Rum-Jahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
N. A. E. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
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A. R. Poliak and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
A. Poliak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
B. Godkin and J. Odell (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
F. Castro and A. A. Rmedios (V.R.C.)	6	5	1
A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	6	5	1
J. MacDonald and H. Dingdale (Police)	9	8	1
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P. P. Botelho and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	3	0
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A. E. Brown and M. M. Davies (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
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M. M. Davies and M. Morrett (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
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S. Ramler and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. R. Poliak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
H. Dingdale and J. Ferrier (P.R.C.)	3	3	0
C. Y. Sin and J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu (Police)	6	6	0

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The following will represent Y.M.C.A. to-morrow on the Navy ground:

Seconds, 3 p.m. — Cleggett, Grant, Railton, Saxby, Tomlinson, Gorman, Macey, Olson, Dorman, Fancey, Banks.

First, 4.15 p.m. — Cleggett, Taylor, Courieff, Jordan, Coombes, Waldron, Spence, Lay, Spare, Hitchcock, Morhan, Dunne.

BADMINTON NOTES

K.C.C. Beat St. John's On Seventh Game Of Evening

Henry Eardley Badly Missed By Losers

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLE

Recent publication of "B" Division Badminton League tables in these columns has inadvertently omitted to split up the tables according to sections.

Here is an amended table:—

SECTION "A"

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's	3	0	3	21	6	6
Chung Wah	3	1	2	19	8	4
Recreio	3	1	2	17	10	4
V.R.C.	3	2	1	8	19	2
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	26	0

SECTION "B"

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	4	0	4	23	13	8
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11	6
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2	18	18	4
St. Andrew's	4	3	1	17	19	2
Police	4	4	0	7	26	0

HEAVY FORWARDS FAVOURED

Navy have selected their Rugby Sevens team for the Tournament, on 15th and 22nd February, and they are as follows:

"A"—Honeywill; Paul and Carter (Capt.); Bowden; Winter, Watson and King.

"B"—Morahan (Capt.); McGill and Kennedy; Rutherford; Poole, Longmuir and Eager.

RESERVES—Wilson, Skinner, Palmer, Hughes and Gallagher.

A third team may be entered at a later date.

Practice matches have been arranged, the "A" team meeting the Bank at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, and the "B" an Army side on the same day at 4.45 p.m.

The presence of Naval Volunteers in the Navy teams has caused a surprise, as it was thought they were competing as a separate unit, and has also greatly strengthened Navy's chances of succeeding Club as winners of the Blarney Stone Shield.

They have made sure of three heavy forwards to get the ball back, but McGill, Poole and Eager, all of whom are fast and sound tacklers, may be missed by the "A" team before the Tournament concludes.

SWIMMING EXHIBITION

At Y.M.C.A. Swimming Pool yesterday Rikkyo University team, on their way back to Japan after a visit to the Philippines, gave a swimming exhibition before local swimming enthusiasts in an attempt to better records set by the Japanese Far Eastern Olympic Swimming team in 1934.

One record was broken by Seitiro Oura, who returned a time of 2 mins. 27 secs. for the 200 yards breast-stroke to better the mark for the "Y" Pool set in 1934 by Reizo Koike.

Oura bettered Koike's time of 2.28.2.

Sigeo Arai, third in the last Olympic Games, failed by a fifth of a second to better Masanori Yusa's "Y" Pool record of 53.2 seconds for the 100 Yards Free style.

Tutomo Hiraga, swimming the 150 yards breast-stroke, was quite far off the figures set by Kawatsu in 1934 in the "Y" Pool, but in returning 1 min. 46 secs. swam the first 100 yards in 68.6 seconds to better the Colony record.

Tosio Honma could not better 5 minutes for the 440 yards free style, but was not far off Shozo Makino's mark of 4:58.2 for the same pool. Honma covered the first 220 yards in 2 mins. 22.1 secs. to better the Colony record of 2 m'ps. 25 secs.

In the last event Hirono Oura and Arai swam the 300 yards medley relay in 3 mins. 16 4/5 secs.

Norman Smith In Fine Form

By "Adrem"

WITHOUT HENRY EARDLEY, FORMER SHANGHAI CHAMPION, ST. JOHN'S WENT DOWN BADLY TO KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB IN "B" DIVISION OF THE BADMINTON LEAGUE ON WEDNESDAY.

I say St. John's lost badly and this will probably surprise many who noticed that the margin of victory was only one game. Actually, however, K.C.C. won the match on the seventh game of the evening, although they lost the remaining two.

K.C.C. led 2-1 after the first round and 4-2 after the second.

There is no gainsaying the fact that it was Eardley's absence that enabled K.C.C. to win. David Kwok, who was partnered by E. Kennard, was faced with a hopeless proposition and although he made strenuous efforts and was one of the outstanding players of the evening, Kennard's inexperience was obvious and concentration on him usually led to success. This pair did extremely well "beat J. L. Anderson and St. S. Jones.

Best Combination

Norman Smith and Peter Wilson were the best combination on view and they maintained their unbeaten record—they have now played 12 games. Smith was in brilliant form and was largely responsible for the three wins registered by this couple. His coverage of court left nothing to be desired and in a driving or smashing duel he almost invariably emerged successful.

Wilson, however, is to be commended for the part he played. He was quite content to take a minor role, taking the forecourt at every opportunity and confining his activities to killing short lobs and high drops.

Maynard and Ladd were never in the picture although they tried very hard.

Fisher and Wynter-Blyth were again the most impressive individual players for Kowloon Cricket Club although in their game against Smith and Wilson their tactics were rather difficult to understand.

Notwithstanding the fact that Smith was consistently getting the better of them, they allowed themselves to be drawn into playing the type of game he was dictating: that of driving and clearing. This enabled Smith to take on most of the play himself. He is probably without a peer when it comes to these methods and half-court shots up the sidelines and a concentrated short game would have had the effect of keeping Wilson occupied and Smith more on the defensive.

Guest and Zimmerman, on the first occasion that they have paired off, did very well and their defeat of Kwok and Kennard, which, I be-

lieve was rather unexpected, clinched the game for K.C.C.

Interesting Struggle

Two of the weaker teams in the Division, Jewish Recreation Club and Victoria Recreation Club, had an interesting struggle, the latter just emerging victorious by the odd game. There was not a great deal in the players individually but the experience and speed of D. N. Xavier and Sidar Rumjahn, who won all three games, proved the deciding factor.

For the losers Talan and Jack Odell were in great form, winning two games and only losing the third by the narrowest of margins.

In the only other game played, St. Andrew's had little difficulty against Police and only dropped one game, this being secured by former St. Andrew's player, Gillies, and Gordon.

The fixture between King's and Recreio was postponed as, owing to injuries, the former team were unable to field a side.

I.R.C. CRICKET SELECTIONS

The following will represent Indian R.C. at cricket to-morrow: 1st XI.—v. Recreio (League, at home): K. Nazarin (Captain), M. el Arculli, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, M. P. Madar, A. R. Kit-chell, S. A. Ismail, K. M. Rumjahn, A. R. H. Email, A. R. Minu and A. N. Other.

2nd XI.—v. H.M.S. Tamar (Friendly, at King's Park): M. R. Abbas (Captain), A. H. Ismail, A. R. Suffiad, M. I. Razack, T. Ali, F. A. Curreem, M. B. Hassan, A. el Arculli, M. A. Wahab, A. M. Rumjahn and A. Ebrahim.

SEQUEIRA'S SUCCESS

C. M. Sequeira won the senior championship of Section "A" of the Kowloon Chess Club yesterday, when he defeated H. A. Samuel. In another match, K. Weiss defeated G. S. Coxhead.

"ATTABOY" SHIELD MATCH

The annual bowls match for the "Attaboy" shield at Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be held on the Club greens on Monday.

All Members intending to play are asked to note that they must be present and sign the list in the Club by 10 a.m. on the day of the match.

KWANTI RACE MEETING

Following are the entries and handicaps for the February race meeting, to be held at Kwanti on February 2:—

The Shataukok Hurdle Race (1 1/4 Miles)—Classic Hall (160), Dow-Jones (160), Jack O'Lantern (160), Mortmain (165), Rob Roy (160), Three Farthings (160), Venture (160), Viber (160), and Zero (165).

The Lo Wu Handicap (Six Furlongs)—Arabian Cat (159), Gallant Marshal (147), King's Envoy (135), Lucky Eleven (150), National Liberty (149), Plain View (135) and Wild Bear (135).

The Queensland Handicap (1 1/4 Miles)—Brutus (168), Colorado Star (152), Glorious Star (162), Kiola (140), Sea Urchin (162), Spectram (140) and Tevlotdale (155).

The Kwanti Cup Handicap (One Mile)—Amber II (150), Circo (159), Colorado Star (137), Dick Turpin (140), Schmetterling (135), Sea Urchin (135), Surprise Again (143) and Tarzan (135).

The San Wai Handicap (One Mile)—Double Chance (140), Emergency Call (144), King's Worthy (148), Phoenix (151), Royal Highness (148), Royal Wedding Eve (159), Talkative (137), The Leopard (143), The Tigress (135) and Wilber (146).

The Lo Wu Handicap (Six Furlongs)—Ascot Vale (159), Dekko (145), Desert Star (153), Dow-Jones (135), Heddon (150), Lancashire Chap (151), National Success (159), Palmer (159) and Zero (151).

Special Sweep

In connection with the Kwanti Cup Handicap, a special Dollar Sweep with a limit of 100,000 chances is being run. The cost of a through chance is \$10, including the Special Sweep.

Tickets can be obtained at the Cash Sweep Department, No. 17, Connaught Road, Central, top-floor.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

Army Sporting Personalities

Local Record Of Lieut. Coombes

Some News Of Home Boxing

By "Squaddy"

LIEUT. Coombes of Royal Army Medical Corps is a fine all round sportsman, and has represented both his Unit and the Army at Rugby and cricket.

He is a member of the England Rugby fifteen (Hong Kong) which defeated Ireland in the International series last week. He is a dangerous player when in possession and takes a lot of stopping.

He is one of the Army's best centre-threequarters or halves, in fact and has a strong kick.

On one occasion, playing for Combined Small Units, he converted a try from 45 yards out easily clearing the cross-bar!

He also represents his Unit and the Army at Cricket, his best scores to date being 109 not out against the Club when playing for the Royal Scots, 76 not out against the Club when playing for the Wanderers, and 104 not out against the 5th A.A. Regt. A.A. when playing for the Medical Corps.

ON Tuesday Cpl. Harvey, the local Army individual billiards and snooker champion, was beaten by A. P. Pereira of the Hong Volunteer Defence Corps by 42 points.

Harvey won two frames out of the three, but Pereira won on points.

In the first frame Pereira easily won by 96 points to 15, and it looked very much at this moment that he would overwhelm Harvey. The latter, however, managed to rally to win the next frame by 69 points to 58, and the last by 62 points to 28.

The Snooker competition for the shield recently presented to the Area Sports Board Billiards and Snooker section by Messrs. J. A. Windsor and Co., will be competed for as a League which will commence not later than February 1.

Entries close for this competition on January 28.

So far the following teams have entered:—Corps Military Police; Royal Army Medical Corps; Royal Corps Signals (Cpls. Mess); Corps Signals 'A' Team; and the Royal Engineers.

It is hoped that one or two teams will be entered from the Gunners, but the Royal Scots might not be able to enter owing to camp.

AT Sookunpoo on Tuesday Royal Engineers beat Royal Scots in the final of the Small Units' Rugby League by nine points to nil after leading by three points at the interval.

The Sappers have to thank Birrell for their victory. He scored all three tries, despite the handicap of the wet and muddy ground. The Scots were inclined to fly kick at the ball, which on many occasions went to the Sapper forwards.

The Large Units' Rugby League will commence next week, the first games being down for Wednesday. Subsequent games will be played on Tuesdays at Sookunpoo.

HERE are the leading Army goal scorers in all Association Football Leagues; Fox of the Engineers, and Jennings of the Middlesex who have both scored 26 goals, head the list:—

FIRST DIVISION	
Horsack (R. Scots)	9
Saw (Midd'x)	8
SECOND DIVISION	
Fox (R.E.s)	26
Jennings (Midd'x)	26
Lee Wai-lam (R.E.s)	25
Auld (R. Scots)	22
Martin (R.A.S.C.)	17
Clarke (R.A.S.C.)	15
Pelham (R.E.s)	14
Round (30th R.A.)	12
Morgan (R.A.S.C.)	10

THIRD DIVISION	
Jones (R.E.s)	18
Brown (35th R.A.)	15
Manfield (R.A.F.)	15
Brackenbury (Sigs.)	13
Owens (24th R.A.)	12
Whitmore (36th R.A.)	11
Roche (12th R.A.)	10
Bartlett (R.A.F.)	10
Atkins (24th R.A.)	9
Bundy (Sigs.)	9
Jones (36th R.A.)	7
Cross (20th R.A.)	7

AT a recent boxing competition held at Windsor, England, Jim Gully, the Royal Horse Guards heavyweight, outpointed Pte. Bradshaw of Canada. This was Gully's first contest for some months, and he gave a polished display which pleased his followers. They liked his excellent straight left, and sound defence. Owing to the impossibility of holding boxing in London recently, Gully has been denied the chance of a follow-up fight, but promoters are busy exploring the evacuation towns in the Home Counties with a view to holding tournaments during the week-ends, and he is well up the list of possible contestants.

Those who are interested in the featherweight division should watch Terry McStravick, the seventeen-year-old Irishman. He wants to fight Sgt. Tom Smith for the right to meet Neil Tarleton for the British Title. McStravick beat Jackie Rankin at Liverpool about a year ago or maybe less, and was then matched with Smith, but Tom had to go to France and was at Dunkirk on the date the bout was expected.

LAST Monday the Combined Small Units held a meeting of Athletic representatives with the object of holding an Individual Athletic Meeting at the beginning of April. After this meeting they would then decide the Combined Small Units Athletic team for the Area Athletic meeting which takes place in April.

The Small Units should be able to produce a fairly strong team now that they have the support of the Royal Air Force. The Signals have one or two excellent runners, and this year it is hoped that the Small Units will be able to field a team and not leave it all to the Signals as in previous seasons.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THE FIRST ROUND of the Singles Handicap Competition was finished on Monday, as arranged, and the second round will commence immediately. Contestants are reminded that the second round must be completed by February 10.

H. E. Waller played M. Talan on January 16, in the first round and the first named player won very comfortably by 98 pins.

Waller's handicap was plus 43 and Talan's plus 30, and the scores were:—

H. E. Waller (plus 43) ... 486

M. Talan (plus 30) ... 388

I do not ever remember having seen Talan play such a poor game as he did on this occasion; he was obviously badly out of practice his average of 129 being away below his usual form.

Handicap Competition played on Monday, between W. D. Gardner and A. H. Potts.

Both players' handicaps were plus 50. Gardner won by 56 pins, the scores being as follows:—

W. D. Gardner ... 365

A. H. Potts ... 309

Gardner's performance was extraordinary. This player made 182 in his second game, and 89 and 94, in his first and third games.

Potts was well off form.

First Round Concluded

The last match in the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition was played, also on January 20, between Joe Landolt and B. Godkin. The former only managed to scrape home by the narrow margin of 15 pins.

The scores were, J. S. Landolt 535 and B. Godkin 520 and Landolt conceded 26 pins per game.

Landolt bagged a good 200 in his last game to put him 15 pins ahead, after a hard fight right through.

Godkin bowled steadily and it was a pity he could only manage 131 in his first game, otherwise the position would have been reversed.

This was probably the finest and closest match in the course of the first round of the competition.

A brilliant score at Ten Pins was compiled, put up by R. E. Golden of the U.S.S. Tulsa, on Tuesday. He netted 245, almost beating Blount's 246—the record for the month up to the time of writing these Jottings.

His score was made up as follows:—commencing with a nine in his first frame, he then scored seven strikes in a row, a spare in his ninth frame, a spare in his tenth to make an eight with the extra ball.

CORRESPONDENCE

[Sports Editor—"China Mail".]

Dear Sir—I regret I did not reply to Aromin's letter through the medium of this paper sooner as I was rather busy lately, but thank him just the same for accepting my challenge. I don't as a rule underestimate my opponents, but one thing I do know and that is that I am good. It is now up to Aromin or anyone else to prove otherwise. By the way are there any more Aromins, bring them all out, the more the merrier? How can we get together? Please give details through this paper. Good luck to you. Young Aromin and may the better man win when we do meet.

IRON BUX JR.

P.S.—Will some very kind hearted soul who loves a fight arrange a boxing tournament in aid of the Bomber Fund. My services will be at his disposal.

A Misunderstanding

The "Tulsa" were due to meet the Alley Team on January 19 in a Ten Pin Match, but owing to a misunderstanding as regards the time to commence, a three-game match was played between Tulsa and Doc Molthen's team. The Tulsa on this occasion won convincingly by 235 pins, the scores being as follows:—

Tulsa ... 1989

Doc Molthen's Team ... 1754

Niehoff of the Tulsa was the star bowler of the match. He bowled consistently throughout the three games, his total of 550 being a good performance.

Ernie Hearther of Doc Molthen's team was second with 525, good enough bowling but not up to his usual standard.

Borg, and Peterson of the Tulsa, and Doc Molthen were just about on a par.

The original match scheduled to take place earlier on in the evening, commenced at about 8.30 p.m., between the Tulsa and the Alley Team, and again resulted in a win for the Tulsa by 132 pins.

Tulsa ... 3271

Alley Team ... 3139

Hearther of the Alley Team was a little better during this game, and was top-scorer with 913, netting the only scores of 200 or over during the match; he made 226 in his second game and 214 in his third game. Borg of the Tulsa was not very far behind with 890.

Feature of his game, although he never made a 200 score, was a 190 in his second game, and another useful 192 in his fourth. Niehoff for Tulsa was not as good as in the first match, although he was third highest scorer with 870. Birkett was completely off form, his 635 being probably the lowest score he has ever put up before in a match.

Another Match

There was another three-game Ten Pin match in the Singles

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ITALIAN RESISTANCE BROKEN IN 26 HOURS

ANTONESCU BECOMES DICTATOR

General Antonescu, the Rumanian Premier, has proclaimed a military dictatorship, according to the Yugoslav newspaper "Vereme" in Belgrade yesterday.

Yugoslav reports quoted by Budapest radio state that General Antonescu is negotiating with the Iron Guard in order to clean up the situation.

It added, however, that the Rumanian radio has warned people against staying in the streets as the "disarming of detachments offering resistance may occasion some shooting."

Rumanian troops have already recaptured the Rumanian Broadcasting Company's building, according to some reports.

It is stated, however, that fighting still continues in Bucharest and other large towns.

HEAVY RAIDS ON SICILY

Aerodromes in Sicily were heavily attacked by R.A.F. bombers during the night of Wednesday/Thursday.

A Middle East communique from R.A.F. Headquarters in Cairo yesterday says that at Comiso a quantity of incendiary and explosive bombs were dropped, causing explosions which continued for 20 minutes.—Reuter.

Yugoslav circles in Budapest, the announcer added, expect a recrudescence of trouble in Rumania within a few days.—Reuter.

Anzac Hat Now Waving Over Tobruk

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent at Tobruk)

HAVING BROKEN DOWN ITALIAN RESISTANCE IN 26 HOURS CHEERING AUSTRALIANS HAULED DOWN THE ITALIAN FLAG IN THE CENTRE OF TOBRUK AND HOISTED INSTEAD AN ANZAC HAT.

The total of prisoners was estimated last night at 20,000, which includes the Metropolitan 61st Division, the peace-time garrison of the port, 1,500 members of the naval garrison and 700 of the crew of the sunken cruiser *San Giorgio*.

Military police and customs officials reveal that 100 civilian technicians and fishermen were also among the prisoners.

The garrison surrendered at 10.15 on Wednesday morning.

Australian cavalry regiments in Bren gun carriers stormed the main road to the town, broke the steel and concrete sandbagged barrier and drove in. Met by a couple of bursts of machine-gun fire they promptly replied. Then the entire garrison surrendered.

I followed into the town with khaki-clad Australian infantry, men caked with dust from the Libyan Desert, burnt with the sun and with uniforms torn after days of strenuous fighting.

Forts Silenced

As I entered a gateway with the victorious Imperial troops thousands of exhausted and unnerved Italians were streaming out.

All resistance had virtually ended by sunset the day before.

The Solaro Aliente Forts had been silenced after stiff fighting and the stronghold of Pilastrino, which had been putting up terrific artillery fire, had been captured.

During the attack on Pilastrino the Australians unexpectedly came on fourteen Italian tanks. In a dried up river bed. Reinforced by an anti-tank battery the infantry, although suffering some casualties, knocked out the tanks quickly.

freezing foreign funds, the Catholic authorities in the United States pointed out that this would disclose the amounts Rome received from the United States and would also prevent their transfer to the Vatican.

It is felt that this situation can be overcome.

The effect on Axis funds of the freezing process that would follow would be to limit or reveal their employment for purposes inimical to the United States.

There is considerable sympathy for Britain on being obliged to reveal her entire financial position but the frankness with which Britain complied undoubtedly helped her cause.—Reuter.

One Australian captured a tank and the crew of four with his rifle and bayonet.

General Taken

Pilastrino was occupied by the British and it shelled the Solaro Aliente Forts until they also were taken.

In the open desert between Solaro Aliente the Brigadier commanding the Australians captured Major-General Derra Mura, of the 61st Metropolitan Division.

Meanwhile the eastern and western sectors of the perimeter defence had been cut off. After that they resisted only spasmodically and quickly surrendered.—Reuter.

Top news from the field of science this year was the brand new electric refrigerator for home use. Resulting from more than three years of rigid laboratory tests and experiments, the new refrigerator is triple-acting for new-perfect preservation of all types of food.

A product of the extensive laboratories maintained in Philadelphia, Pa., by the Philco Radio and Television Corp., the new device, while no larger than the ordinary present day refrigerator, embodies three types of cold and two distinct preservation processes. Three separate compartments in the unit provide three types of cold: a dry all-around cold for general maintenance of such foods as butter, milk and berries; a second compartment designed for cooked meats and vegetables, retaining their original flavour and preserving vitamins. The third compartment is powered by a special air for quick freezing and is designed for frozen foods and desserts.

Besides the electric freezing unit which operates on Freon, the most economical and practical of all known refrigerants, the new refrigerator also has an aluminum Moist Cold Shelf. This addition is a brand new invention, and evolves from a process perfected by Philco technicians. When

ITALIANS AND LOSS OF TOBRUK

The Italian press yesterday made a valiant effort to minimise the importance of the fall of Tobruk.

Newspapers stressed the view that the capture "cannot substantially change the course of the war" and declared Italy was resolved as ever to fight on until final victory was achieved.

In descriptions of the great battle emphasis was laid on the bravery of the Italian defenders "who fought against greatly superior forces upon whom they inflicted serious losses in men and material."—Reuter.

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dishes of food come in contact with the shell, heat is quickly drawn out and the food is chilled almost immediately. Strangely, too, the more dishes placed on the shelf, the faster it works.

The new refrigerator operates by the controlled circulation of dehumidified air which eliminates completely, usual refrigeration odours and assists in further preservation of foods with no mixing of odours. Another advance is shown in the new strong door which has two doors. On the first door, built in shelves to hold food, are frequently used and closed and is a second door which prevents escape of cold air every time the refrigerator is used.

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N.E.I. REPLY TO MR. MATSUOKA

THE FIRM STAND of the Netherlands East Indies against any interference with their sovereignty was reaffirmed in Batavia yesterday by Jonkheer van Mook, Director of Economic Affairs.

Commenting, in an interview with Reuter, on Mr. Matsuoka's speech in the Japanese Diet, van Mook said he failed to understand what Mr. Matsuoka meant by "a situation which has hitherto thwarted relations of good neighbourliness" with the Japanese.

"Our relations with Japan have been promoted in the same manner and zeal as those with other countries," van Mook declared.

Discussing Mr. Matsuoka's statement that "if only for geographical reasons" the Netherlands East Indies should be in intimate and inseparable relationship with Japan, van Mook said the economic structure of the East Indies made it necessary to promote trade relations with both Allied and neutral countries alike on the largest possible scale.

He added that despite the war 90 per cent of the East Indies export income was derived from other than East Asiatic countries.

That proved, he said, that the mere geographical situation was not a deciding economic factor.—Reuter.

CATHOLIC CLUE TO INACTION

The fact that not all relevant foreign balances in the United States have been frozen to prevent the Axis countries from using their American balances is largely due to a delicate situation involving the Roman Catholic Church, according to well-informed sources in New York yesterday.

It is understood that when the Administration was considering

Mechanised Units Play Big Part In Libyan Strategy

87 Raids In A Day at Tobruk

R.A.F. bombers made 87 raids on Tobruk during the day which preceded the launching of the army's attack, and this played an important part in the capture of this Libyan port.

From dawn to dusk on that day R.A.F. bombers were almost continuously over Tobruk, while during the night Derna and Apollonia, further along the coast, were also heavily bombed in order to prevent reinforcements being sent up.

Apart from the moral effect of such bombings the R.A.F. apparently silenced a number of guns.

Fighter pilots also had little rest, maintaining constant patrols throughout the operations.

Despite all this activity the R.A.F. lost only three 'planes in ten days.—Reuter.

Cut Off One Vital Defence Post After Another

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Tobruk)

IT IS ALMOST impossible to exaggerate the important part played in the Libyan offensive by British mechanised units forging ahead and cutting off one vital strong post after another.

From the very beginning these units have hardly stopped moving. A famous tank regiment which I visited chased one Italian division right into Bardia.

In the course of this task they were subjected to formidable Italian air attacks. In one day alone they had 18 bomber and 15 fighter attacks but latterly such attacks have been entirely absent, owing to the fact that the R.A.F. had smashed up Italian aerodromes.

I was privileged to accompany a tank squadron on a day-light patrol.

Climbing up from a deep basin we gradually approached level ground and made a survey of many miles.

Pole Squatters

As look-out points against unexpected tank sallies, the Italians had established a series of pole squatters and look-out posts around the whole perimeter of the Tobruk defences.

A young officer told me, however, that many of the figures seen on these poles proved to be dummies.

Tank traps also proved formidable and many booby traps and hidden mines were also discovered.—Reuter.

GENERALS AND AN ADMIRAL CAPTURED

Up to yesterday evening, 20,000 Italian prisoners had been taken in Tobruk, together with a vast quantity of war material. On the Eritrean front, the Italians were taking up defence positions 100 miles east of Kassala, which they recently evacuated.

The capture of Tobruk was completed on Wednesday night, G.H.Q. Cairo reported yesterday evening. So far, over 20,000 prisoners have been taken, including a Corps Commander, a Divisional Commander, two other Generals, an Admiral and several high navy and army staff officers.

Captured war equipment included 200 guns of all calibres.

Our own casualties were less than 500, announces G.H.Q. Cairo.

Our troops in Eritrea are in contact with the Italian defence positions between Bishra and Barentu, the communique continues. In Abyssinia, we are maintaining pressure east of Metemma, while on the Kenya front successful activity by our patrols continues.

11 Divisions Finished

With the elimination of two further Italian Divisions at Tobruk, no less than 11 Italian Divisions have been rendered ineffective since we began the "Western Desert" campaign on December 9th, and it is estimated that at least 100,000 prisoners have been taken in the course of these actions.

Three French units which took part in the battle are now said to have consisted of a detachment from Cyprus, considerably reinforced by effectives from Syria under General de Larminat.

These French units were also in the forefront of the attacks on Sidi-Barani and Bardia.

The Independent French News Agency states that the Free French forces in Egypt under General Cretaux are soon to be reinforced.

ATTEMPT TO ROB ENVOY ON TRAIN

Colonel William Donovan, President Roosevelt's special envoy who arrived in Belgrade on Wednesday night, was received yesterday by M. Onetkovitch, the Yugoslav Premier, according to a Belgrade telegram received in Vichy.

Colonel Donovan told reporters he planned to stay two or three days in Belgrade and hoped to visit Prince Paul, the Regent, the Vice-Premier and War Minister, as well as other military leaders. He declined to say whether he had a personal message for Prince Paul from President Roosevelt.

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END OF FASCIST REGIME LOOMS NEARER

THE END OF THE Fascist regime is brought yet nearer by the fall of Tobruk, is the theme of London newspaper editorials on the latest success in Libya, which is hailed as another example of General Wavell's military brilliance.

The "Daily Telegraph" writes that the whole province of Gyrenaica is imperilled and our sea and air power much enhanced by the grip on Tobruk.

As for the rest of the Fascist Empire in Africa, important movements are proceeding swiftly on and beyond the frontiers of Eritrea and Abyssinia. It may not be long before Mussolini hears the passing bell of his Imperial ambitions and rule.

Where, Italy may well ask, were the squadrons of the Luftwaffe which were to change the fortune of war in the Mediterranean?

Fatuous Vanity

Describing Graziani as "this most unpugnacious of soldiers," the paper says that the futility of his strategy is doubtless not all his own but was partly imposed on him by the inefficiency of the Fascist system and the fatuous vanity of Mussolini.

He has been hopelessly over-matched by the British commander, General Sir Archibald Wavell.

The history of war records the names of few generals of equal success in that most difficult of military arts—to extract the greatest possible advantage from victory.

The swiftness of movement and smashing power of each British blow in this Libyan campaign will long be examples.

Grand Strategy

Another nail has been hammered into the Fascist coffin, writes the "Daily Mail."

Wavell's campaign has had a far-reaching effect on the grand strategy of the war. It has caused Hitler to divert strong forces of bombers to Sicily in an attempt to break our mastery of the Mediterranean.

It has led to the complete subservience of Italy to the German Dictator.

Saying that the presence of Australians in Tobruk will be material for some "member of the Fascist thuggerly to turn round and blame the Italian people for lack of resolution," the "Daily Express" asks "How much longer will Italians swallow the shame of their rulers' incompetence or hope for Hitler to save them?"—Reuter.

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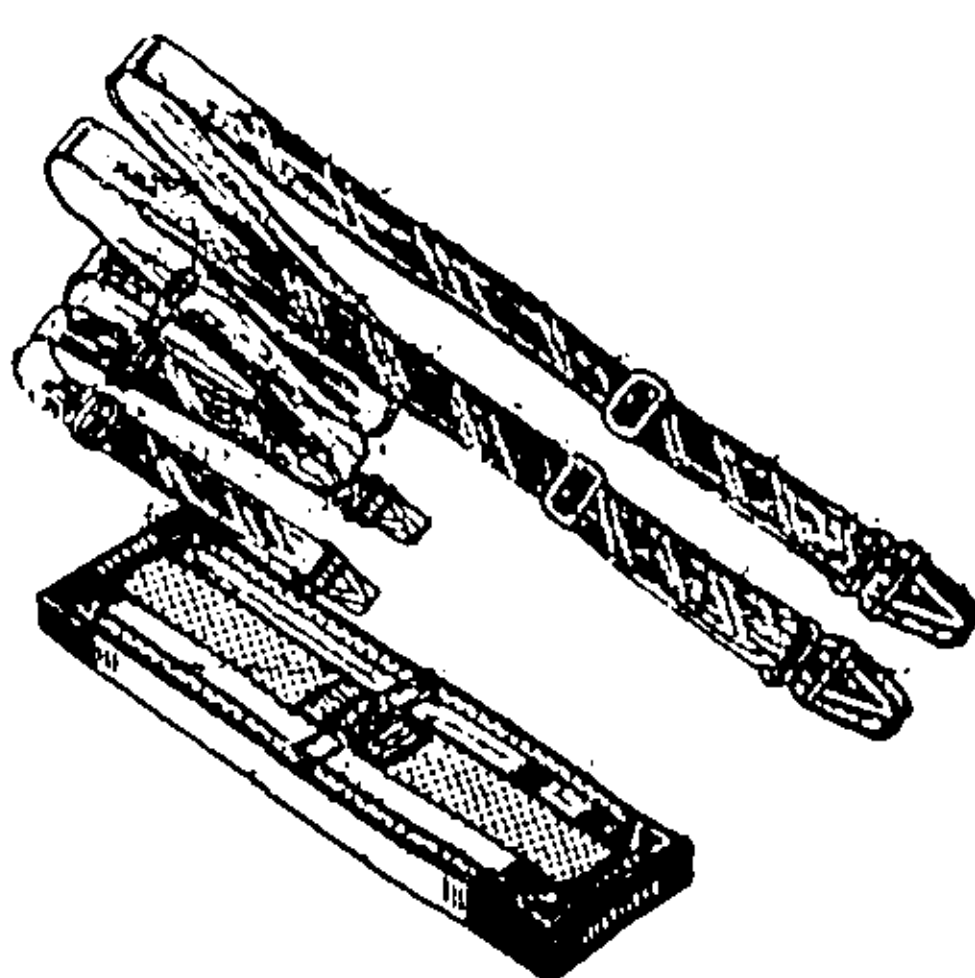
He said his mission had nothing in common with that of Mr. Sumner Welles who visited Europe last Spring as the President's special envoy.

Colonel Donovan will later visit Athens, Turkey, Palestine and Egypt, arriving in Egypt about the middle of February.

ASKED REGARDING REPORTS THAT IMPORTANT DIPLOMATIC DOCUMENTS HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM HIM ON THE TRAIN BETWEEN SOFIA AND BELGRADE, HE REPLIED THAT ONLY HIS PASSPORT WAS MISSING.—REUTER.

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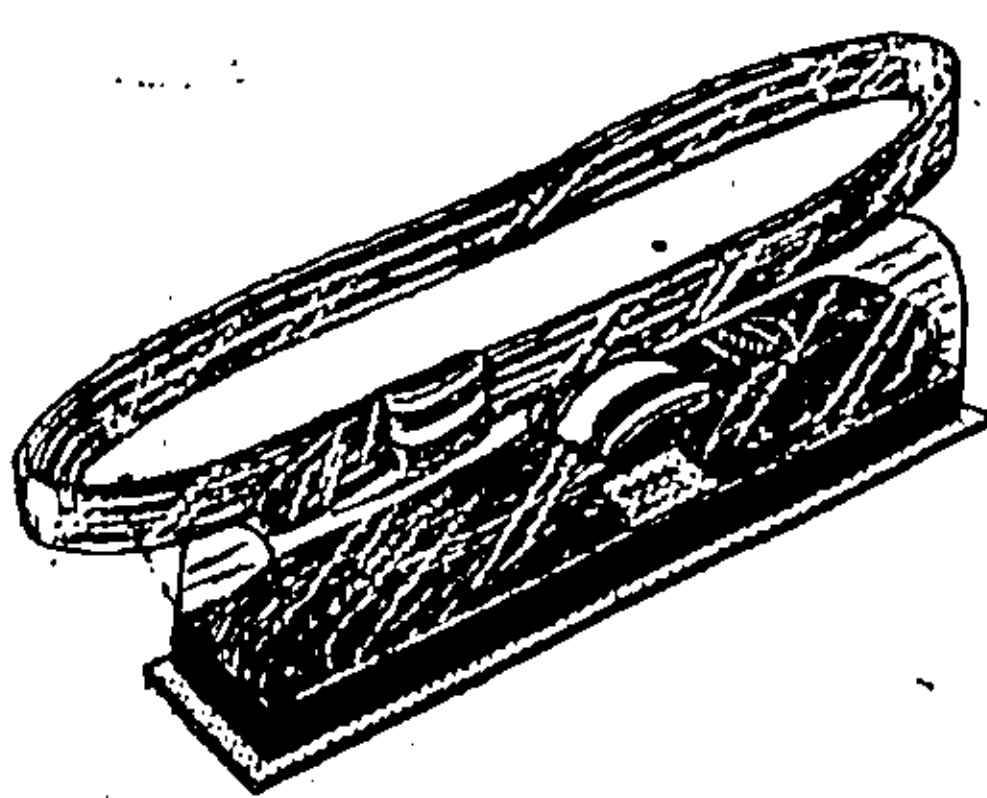


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Threats To Petain

(By Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent)

NEWS FROM VICHY, OR RATHER PARIS, APPEARS TO INDICATE THAT THE SITUATION HAS NOT DEVELOPED AS THE GERMAN HOPED AND EXPECTED.

Although Marshal Petain has been officially reconciled to Laval for a week Laval has not been reinstated in the Cabinet, and the German-controlled Paris press is getting impatient and very annoyed, asking why Marshal Petain hesitates.

INDIA'S HUGE DEFENCE LOAN SUBSCRIPTION

The grand total subscription of the All-India Defence Loan up to January 18 was nearly 480,000,000 rupees, it was announced in New Delhi yesterday, says Reuter.

TROOPS IN CONTACT IN ERITREA

The Imperial troops are now in contact with Italian forces that withdrew from the Kassala area and which are now holding defensive positions, declared a Cairo communique yesterday.

The communique adds that operations continue to develop successfully.

Of operations in Abyssinia it says that pressure on the enemy east of Metemma is being maintained.

In Kenya offensive activities by Imperial patrols continue.—Reuter.

DERNA HEAVILY BOMBED

Derna, in the Libyan Desert, was heavily raided by the R.A.F. yesterday.

Several tons of bombs were dropped on barracks and other military targets, causing large fires and explosions. Fires were visible 80 miles away.

Raids were also made on Apollonia.

Throughout the day R.A.F. fighters maintained a continuous patrol covering the army's advance.—Reuter.

MAHARAJAH'S NEW GIFT

A FURTHER MAGNIFICENT GIFT OF £37,500 HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE MAHARAJAH OF MYSORE FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLANES. The Maharajah has sent a further £27,500 to the Lord Mayor of London's air raid distress fund.

The Paris press goes further, arguing that Laval was obviously a victim of intrigues which have now been exposed, and that it is time steps were taken against persons in the Vichy entourage responsible for the "criminal" agitation against the "saviour" of France.

There is at present no indication of Vichy's reaction to the tremendous German pressure in favour of Laval's restoration to a position of authority in the Vichy Government.

It is obvious, however, that Laval is now so discredited in French eyes that if he is forced upon the Vichy Government it will be regarded as a humiliation and will not make Laval or the Germans more popular.

Resilient Spirit

The whole episode strengthens the belief that the much more resilient spirit prevailing at Vichy is finding sustenance in the knowledge of British Mediterranean successes, while Admiral Leahy's interviews with Marshal Petain can have left no doubt as to the reality and magnitude of American aid for Democracy.—Reuter.

LINDBERGH TRIES TO CRAB AID BRITAIN BILL

A LANDING OF TROOPS in an attempted trans-ocean invasion of the United States was "absolutely impossible," declared Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, testifying yesterday on the Lease and Lend Bill before the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee in Washington.

Col. Lindbergh agreed, however, that trans-Atlantic bombing raids could do "considerable damage."

Col. Lindbergh said he did not believe there was any danger of the United States being invaded by sea or air as long as she maintained an army, navy and air force of reasonable size in modern condition, and provided she established bases essential for defence. Besides bases in Newfoundland and the West Indies, Hawaii and Alaska, Col. Lindbergh recommended the establishment of others in Canada, parts of South and Central America and the Galapagos Islands, while secondary bases might be established in Greenland.

10,000 Fighters

He said the United States would be wise to construct as rapidly as possible a total air force of about 10,000 thoroughly modern fighting planes plus reserves, though



Wheel changing is all in the day's work for members of the Women's Transport Service (the F.A.N.Y.) who are in training at Korringham Park, Norfolk. (Fox Photos, Copyright).

AUSTRALIA TO MARK FALL OF TOBRUK

IN CELEBRATION OF THE FALL OF TOBRUK, MR. MENZIES, THE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER, HAS ASKED CHURCHES ALL OVER THE DOMINION TO OBSERVE SUNDAY AS A DAY OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE.

"We must not overlook the fact that although casualties were small, each casualty is a great blow to some family or circle of friends," he said.

Yet those who fell gave their lives in an action which will have

a great effect on the war and will cause great satisfaction in Australia.

COLONEL BINGHAM 'SACKED'

Colonel "Old School Tie" Bingham, who wrote a snobbish letter about Army officers to the press a few days ago, has been relieved of his post.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Captain Margesson, Secretary of State for War.

Captain Margesson said that Colonel Bingham, who was in charge of an officers' training unit, had committed a breach of the King's Regulations and an expression of the Army Council's severe displeasure had been conveyed to him.

In addition, Captain Margesson had decided that Colonel Bingham was no longer suitable for the command of an officers' training unit and he had given instructions for him to be relieved of his post.

Colonel Bingham wrote a letter to the press a few days ago in which he expressed the view that in order to get efficient leadership of men it was necessary to train those from families accustomed to lead and who had "the advantage" of a public school education. Leaders from other classes of society were not suitable, he said. His views promptly received vigorous criticism in the Press of Britain.

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Lindbergh's View

Col. Lindbergh expressed the view that even a combination of the United States and Britain could not win the war "on the present basis."

He did not believe that anything short of war by the United States would win the war unless there was a collapse behind the lines.

He believed the American people's stand in favour of aiding the British was a "mistake."—Reuter.

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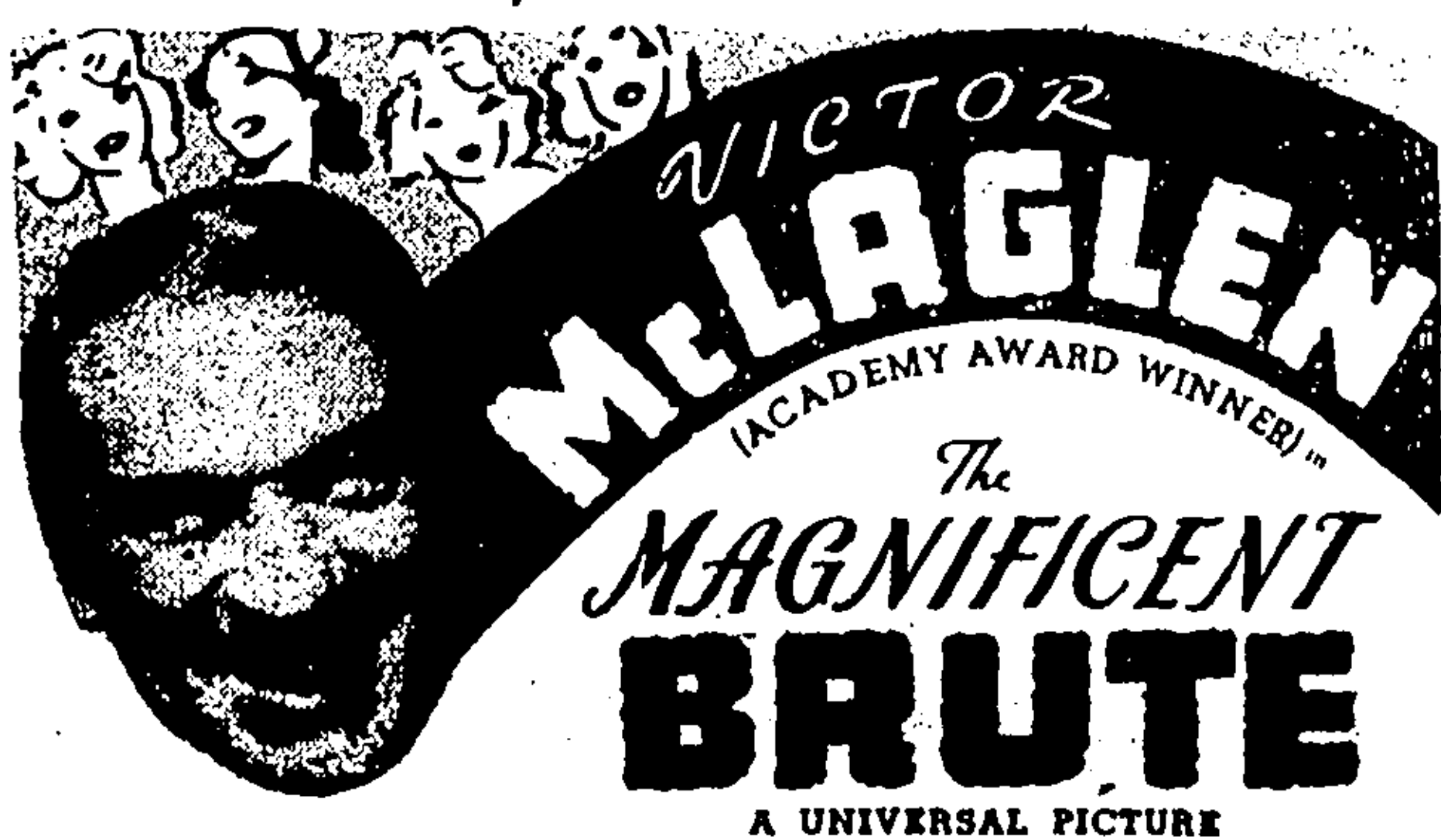
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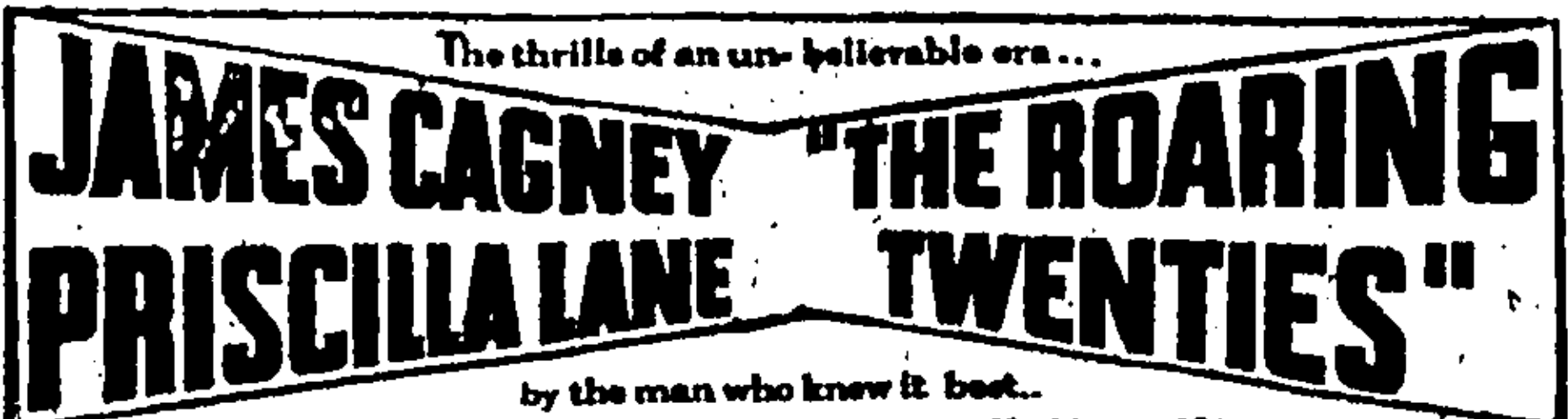
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BRITISH DOMINATION OF MEDITERRANEAN: NEUTRAL VIEW

THE "GOTHENBURG NYTIE" YESTERDAY DECLARED THAT AFTER THE BATTLE OF BARDIA AND THE QUICK OFFENSIVE ON TOBRUK THERE SEEMS HARDLY ANY DANGER THREATENING BRITISH DOMINATION OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

The "Goetborg Posten" says that the possibilities of an Italian-German tiger spring from Sicily to Africa, taking Bizerta en route, seems at present fantastical.

The British are not quite without resources to meet such a spring but an expedition which now looks fantastical can quite quickly, in a changed situation, be natural, if Germany abandoned plans of invasion of Britain as too risky.

Germany has weighed the alternatives and found air help for Italy via Sicily politically and militarily least risky, if not perhaps most effective.

Germany in such a case confines herself to giving pressed Italy help by making difficult British transport from the home and to Greece and Egypt. Absolute prevention can never be achieved because Wavell's army is provided mostly from Suez, with Australia, New Zealand and India as sources of help.

Fleeing Everywhere

The "Handels-Tidning" says so much is clear that the Italians are retreating everywhere.

Italy's position as a partner of the Axis has suddenly weakened. That considerable German help has been sent to meet British progress in the Mediterranean shows the dangerous situation.

When Mussolini this time met Hitler his position was quite other than before. For every day that goes it is becoming all the more pressing for Hitler to regain lost Axis prestige in Albania and Africa.—Reuter.

WAVELL'S FIVE-DAY MARGIN

When General Wavell's forces began the brilliant drive through the desert into Libya it was imperative that they should take Sidi Barrani within five days; had they not done so the drive would have been off.

Reason for this was that the troops had only five days' water supply.

This was revealed last night in a broadcast war commentary from London by Major-General R. J. Colling.

General Wavell's original attack, he said, might have had to be one of the kind and force — a mere raid though on a large scale.

"Without water none could have carried on. In fact, without the help of the Navy, who somehow managed to land stores and thousands of gallons of water at Sollum, I do not think it could have been done.

"Except for what they were lucky enough to capture during the advance there was no water at all between Mersa Matruh and Bardia, nearly 150 miles away.

"Water has been, and may be again, the crux of the whole show." —Reuter.

CAPRONI BOMBERS DESTROYED

Three Italian Caproni bombers were destroyed by the South African Air Force in a midday raid on Yavello Aerodrome, in Abyssinia.

Following a reconnaissance, during which bombs straddled the main targets, two waves of aircraft went over.

The first showered high explosives and incendiaries on the aerodrome, scoring a direct hit on a Caproni which burst into flames. The second wave found a fire raging round two aircraft and scored a direct hit on a third, which also burst into flames.

One pilot dropped a salvo directly on a hangar while another pilot hit huts and barracks.

The raid was made by the same squadron which recently destroyed two Italian aircraft and crippled four more at the same aerodrome.

This squadron alone has already carried out 63 operations against the Italians.—Reuter.

GESTAPO SWOOP

GESTAPO MEN HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO SEIZE THE FUNDS OF THE NORWEGIAN SHIPPING ASSOCIATION AND TO SEAL THE OFFICES.

On the orders of the Nazi Commissioner, Terhoven, the Association has been disbanded, says the Norwegian telegraph agency.

The Association president, Bjørn Hansen, and the managing director, Klameness, have been arrested for the second time since the German invasion of Norway. —Reuter.

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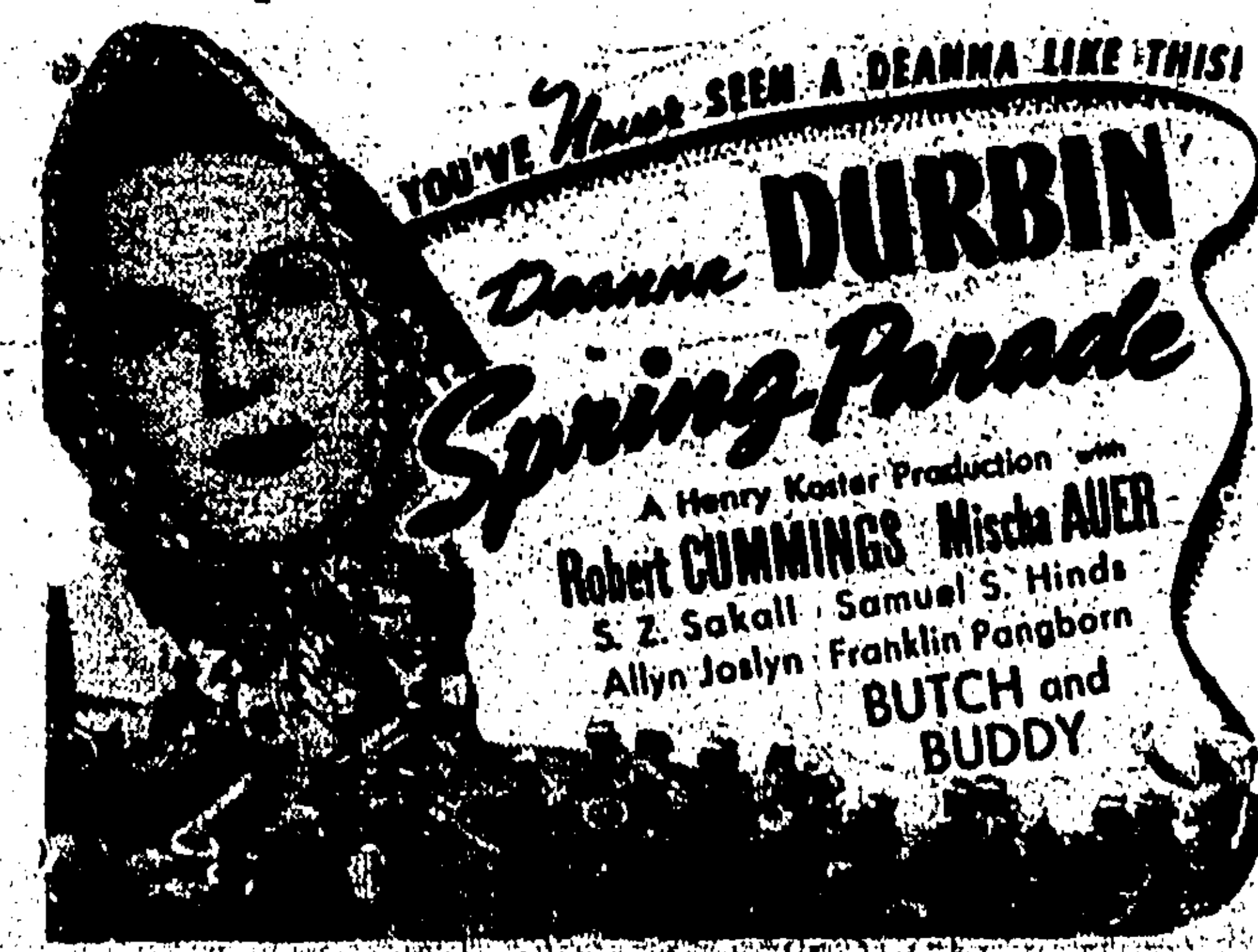


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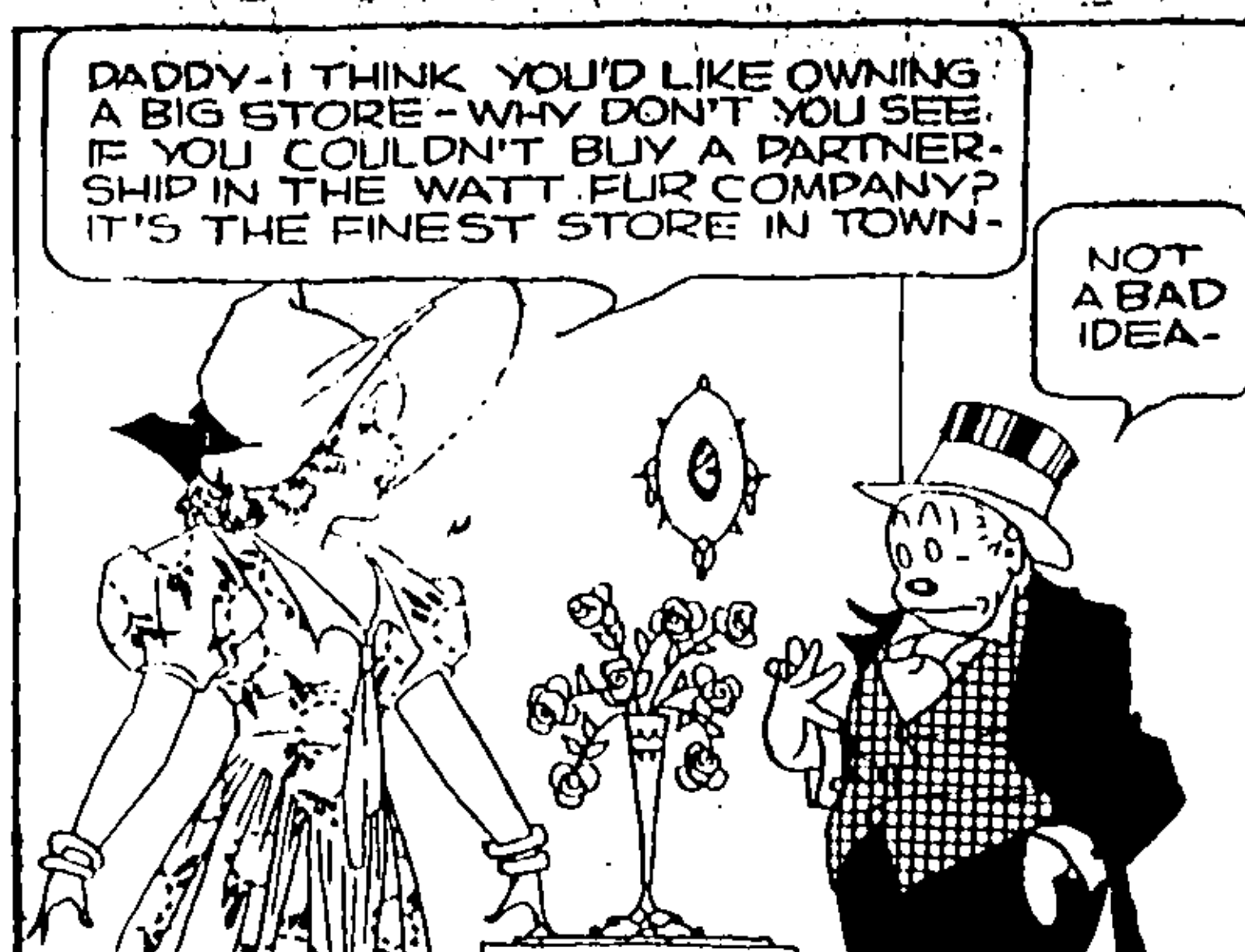
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HORIZONTAL

- On the ocean
- To coagulate
- Secure
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- Chopping tool
- Recreation
- Spanish cooking-pot
- To convince
- Origin
- Prefix: good
- Constellation
- To turn right
- And not
- High priest
- Repetition
- Bacteriologist's culture
- Fair for charity
- Tempestuous
- Raised
- Appellation of Athena
- Goddess of mischief
- Confusion
- Likely
- Artificial waterway
- You and me
- City in Nevada

VERTICAL

- Ancient lyre
- Alone
- Submissive
- A distance
- Chinese wax
- Former
- Turkish title
- Food-fish
- Norse god
- Music: three
- Dash
- To praise extravagantly
- Winged
- To stare open-mouthed
- They go out
- Gaelic sea-god
- To incite
- Turkish regiment
- To become indistinct
- Orbs
- Sparoid fish
- Period of time
- Bacteriologist's wire
- To recede
- Malay gibbon
- Toward the mouth
- Indo-Chinese language
- Thankful
- Norwegian territorial division
- Cereal grass
- Paid notice
- Chinese pagoda
- Sofa
- Moslem name
- To babble
- Tropical tree
- In bed
- Roman saint
- Arabian seaport
- To be outstanding
- Novel by Zola
- Fortified seaport in Algeria
- To consume

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GRAVES IN FLANDERS BATTERED

The poppies are blooming again in Flanders fields. Most of our war graves and memorials are undamaged, but "neglected and overgrown with weeds, the flower beds tangled and disordered."

Sir Fabian Ware, chairman of the Imperial War Graves Commission, told of this in a broadcast. A few of the cemeteries and memorials may have been obliterated. "If so," he said, "we have accurate surveys which will enable them to be reconstructed in detail."

"Others we know have been damaged, the headstones battered by machine-gun fire, the great cross of sacrifice chipped and gashed, but standing firm carrying its scars of war."

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Menin Gate Damaged

"Of the great 'missing' memorials, we are told that the Menin Gate is battered, but standing. The Canadian memorial at Vimy is apparently undamaged. The La Ferte-sous-Jouarre memorial commemorating the Mons retreat and return is untouched."

"The Australian memorial at Villers-Bretonneux is damaged, but still firmly erect, shell holes piercing the panels which bear the names of the 11,000 Australian missing."

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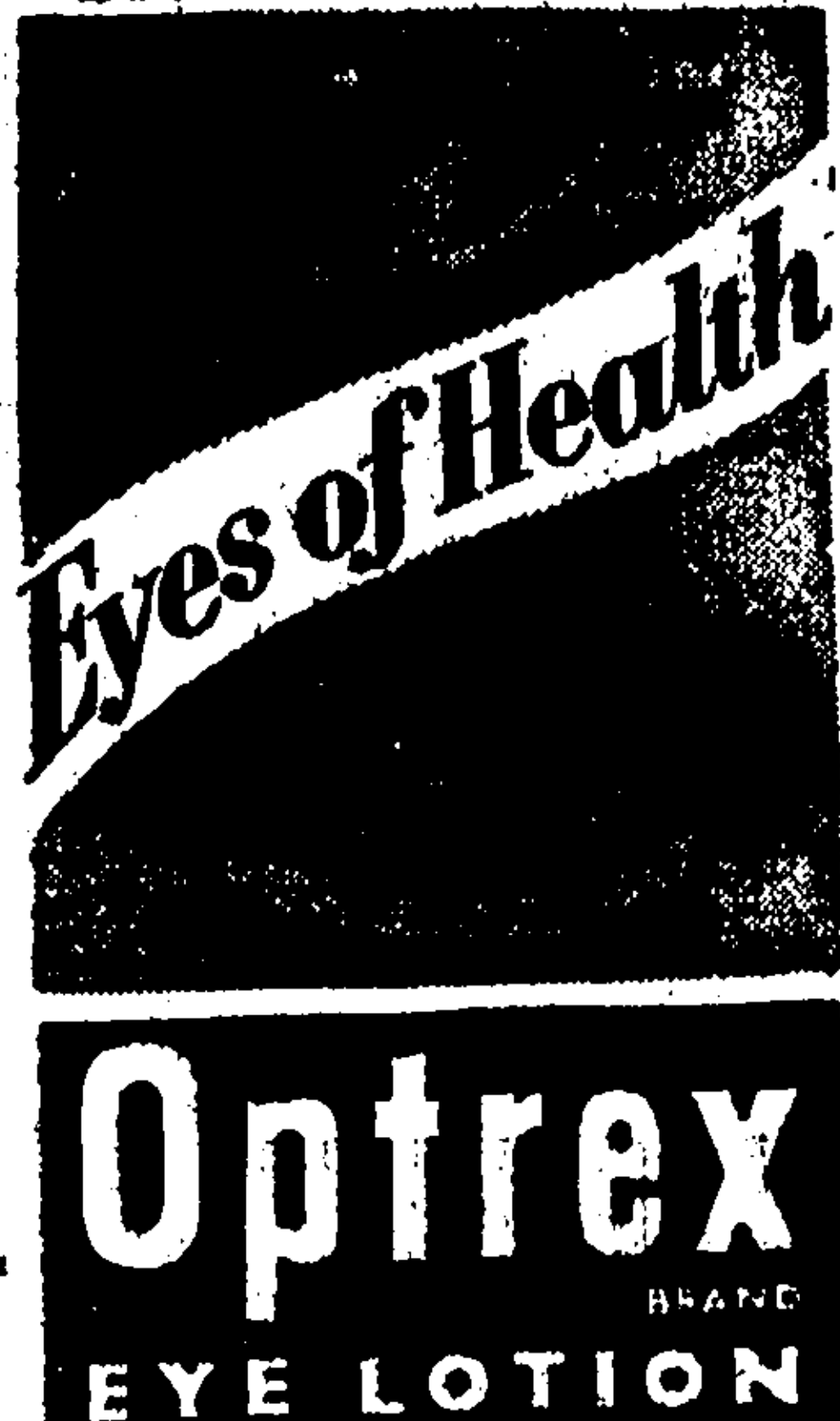
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U.S. SECURITY IS LINKED TO BRITAIN

THE FUTURE SECURITY of the United States depends on England's winning the war, a substantial majority of American voters believe, and their views are heartily in accord with those of President Roosevelt that the defence of America is closely linked with the defence of Britain, a new survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion has shown, according to Dr. George Gallup, its director.

"These facts are revealed in a cross-section study of public opinion just completed by the institute," Dr. Gallup reports. "The survey was an exhaustive analysis covering more than twenty aspects of the defence issue so far as public opinion is concerned. This report is the first of a series on the subject.

"To-day's vote indicates that nearly seven in every ten of the country's fifty million voters—or approximately thirty-five million—reject the idea put forth in some quarters that the fate of the British is no concern of ours and that the United States can get along without any trouble even if the Nazis win.

"On the contrary, the evidence from the survey indicates a deep public concern over the Battle of Britain and a belief that the fate of America is closely related to the fate of the English.

"Institute interviewers who conducted the survey throughout the country sounded the opinions of a cross-section of voters on the following question:

68% For

"Do you think our country's future safety depends on England winning this war?"

"The results are:
Yes 68%
No 26%
Undecided 6%

"Institute surveys over the past two years have shown that the public has two basic aims in foreign policy—first, to keep out of war, and second, to give England every possible assistance short of actual armed participation in the conflict. To-day's survey results go far toward explaining why it is that the public wants to help the British.

"It is not for sentimental reasons, or because of blood ties and a common language. It is for the much more selfish reason that Americans believe their own future safety depends on British resistance.

Middle West Isolationism

"Not all Americans take this viewpoint, however. A substantial number—26 per cent—do not agree that the future of the country depends on a British victory.

"A special analysis shows that this sentiment is more pronounced in the Middle West—a traditionally isolationist section—than elsewhere. The chief reasons given by voters holding this view are that 'the country can take care of itself and doesn't need to rely on England for protection and that 'Germany would not be able to attack us'.

"Among the majority who do believe that the country's safety depends on Britain the chief arguments are that Germany would be free to come after the United States and to penetrate South America, if the British fleet were removed, and that our economic system and trade interests depend on a British victory.

Desire To Help

"The public's urgent desire to help Britain stems from another reason as well. The overwhelming majority of voters believe that, if the United States stopped sending war materials to England, the British would lose the war. A British victory, in other words, is impossible without our aid, in the opinion of the average American voter.

"The public was asked: 'If the United States stopped sending war materials to England, do you think England would lose the war?'
The replies were:

Yes 85%
No 8%
Undecided 7%

"There is, however, virtually no defeatist spirit underlying the American attitude. When the President said in his fireside chat, 'I believe the Axis powers are not going to win the war,' he was reflecting the thought in the mind of the average American.

Invasion

"Any such prognostications are, of course, only guesses, which may or may not be proved correct by subsequent events. But the recent survey shows that, judging from the situation as it is today, the majority of American voters think a Nazi invasion of England will not prove successful.

"If Germany tries to invade England within the next year, do you think she will be successful in conquering England?"

Yes 11%
No 74%
Don't know 15%

"TOO TOUGH" FOR HITLER

Hitler had found this island "too tough," said Mr. Ernest Brown, M.P., Secretary for Scotland, speaking at Newhaven-on-Forth.

He told his audience of fishermen and fisherwomen that we had got to remain tough and use our toughness as a basis to break Hitler and his gang of terrorists.

TOBACCO FUND

THE OVER-SEAS LEAGUE HAVE MADE AN APPEAL THROUGH THE BRITISH WAR ORGANISATION FUND, HONG KONG, FOR COLLECTIONS ON BEHALF OF THEIR TOBACCO FUND FOR THE FIGHTING FORCES.

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DOCTOR OPERATES IN U-BOAT CHASE

HEALTH OF BRITAIN'S mercantile and naval seamen is far better than it was in the last war.

Doctors attached to the Royal Naval Medical Service are convinced that this is due to the better medical treatment which is now given to all ranks of the Navy.

The brunt of this war at sea has been borne chiefly by destroyers and small craft.

Amputated

It is in these types of ships that the young officers are serving. Many of them, who only 18 months ago were young house surgeons and physicians, are now doing magnificent work. Here is one story.

A seaman got a wire round his leg when assisting to put out a paravane over the ship's side. He sustained a complicated fracture. The young M.O. had to make up his mind whether to amputate or try to save the leg.

He decided to try to save the man's leg with an operation. In spite of the fact that a U-boat was lurking in the vicinity the captain ordered the ship to slow down to 10 knots.

Just as the operation commenced the captain had to order "Full speed." Operating in the sick bay was extremely difficult because of the terrific vibration. But the M.O. carried on and was successful.

They Like It

A comparatively recent development of the Medical Service of the Royal Navy is the Dental Service. When the Great War broke out the ship's doctor was often the dentist.

By the time that war had finished it had been found that there was an enormous amount of truth in the saying that "the mouth is the gateway to health." And from that time the Navy has built up a most efficient Dental Service.

It is said that the average sailor is far less afraid to go to the dentist than the civilian.

BAGGED BY SOUND

Two South African Air Force fighter pilots pursued three Italian bombers by sound and shot one down.

Dusk in the failing light in Turkhana wilderness made it difficult for the South Africans to follow three Capronis.

Bombs dropped by one of the Italians enabled the fighters to detect his course.

Three attacks by the fighters silenced the Caproni's guns. Later it crashed.

This feat of air warfare was described in a message from Nairobi. Three machines in all were shot down.

Eleven Italian airmen were captured, including five from the wrecked Caproni.

Almed High-Hit It

While on patrol in the Mediterranean a section of Skuas sighted a Cant 500b float plane.

These Italian planes are armed with three heavy machine-guns.

The leading aircraft fired a few short bursts in the hope of a lucky hit which might slow down the Italian plane.

It was extreme range and the Skua aimed high to get added elevation.

To the pleasure and surprise of the pilot, he scored hits and the Italian craft slowed down. The attack was pressed home and the float plane dived to sea level and surrendered.

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JAPAN'S POLICY

The speeches of Mr. Matsuoka, Prince Konoye and Mr. Kawada, the Finance Minister, change nothing, do nothing to improve the delicate international situation or to worsen it. There was more bellicosity about Mr. Matsuoka than Prince Konoye, and rather more concern expressed by Mr. Kawada regarding the outlook than in the speeches of the Prime Minister or his Foreign Minister.

Not one of them indicated, however, any change of direction in Japanese policy; the emphasis was upon further sacrifices to prepare Japan to meet the crisis.

Nevertheless, the reactions of Japan as a whole to the general situation hardly seem to support the view that she will precipitate any violent action which might extend the war to the Pacific.

With what expectations she entered into her pact with the Axis it is impossible to say with certainty. Probably she considered that some good might come as a result of it and that no harm could, unless by further action she brought it on herself.

She has China on her hands, and is now entering on the fourth year of a war in which she has not yet made any decisive progress. Her economic position is precarious. Russia watches her with a far from benevolent eye. The prospect of a conflict with America cannot be attractive to her.

The chances are that, having made an ugly face to Britain and America, she will now walk softly for a time. The Japanese statesmen, politely sucking in their breath as they speak, will explain in Washington and in London that they never did intend any violence and, for a while at least, their assurance will hold good.

The eyesight of Japanese statesmanship and the big business which finances war has always been pretty keen when directed to the jumping of the cat.

HITLER'S MOVE

Speculation on the Hitler-Mussolini meeting still centres upon the decision reached regarding the direction of the next Axis stroke. Observers are torn between two lines of approach. There is the estimate of Hitler as a gambler, ready to risk all upon an attempted invasion of Britain's shores, in which case he would not

Wildly paradoxical as it may sound to some, it is proper for a secret service to be secret, and for its activities to be concealed.

Its existence cannot be concealed, for every schoolboy knows, as Macaulay used to say, that each country has its agents of espionage in every other country, and also agents at home to counter the machinations of foreign spies.

But it is faithful to its role the only occasions when its existence should excite remark is when a wide-awake watcher of events reading the news of the day (for that is where the important news is usually discoverable) spontaneously comments on an enemy move anticipated or frustrated, "that must have involved some clever secret service work."

Unfortunately during this war circumstances have not often prompted us to utter compliments of that kind. Maybe if we were in closer touch with the fact, we should realize that we are giving our Intelligence less than its due.

An organisation whose worth depends on the secrecy with which it acts obviously cannot publicise its successes in justification of itself. Nor can it answer criticism however ill founded or wide of the mark.

On that account fairness demands that suggestions that possibly it is not doing as well as it might should not be lightly advanced, especially as they will make agreeable hearing for the other side.

It has seemed on such evidence as is available that rather too frequently during this war our Intelligence has locked the stable door after the steed has been stolen.

Worse still, it has sometimes seemed that the door has not been locked even when the thief had proclaimed his intentions about the removal of the steed.

permit himself to become too deeply embroiled in the Balkans or in rescuing Signor Mussolini. There is the other Hitler, determined to secure all strategic points before turning to the more vital task.

Suggestion, therefore, still is that he may move through Rumania into Bulgaria and Salonika, with the ultimate aim the control of the Straits of Gallipoli.

Hitler is involved in a desperate race against time. He knows that Stalin will not in the least like to see him in effective control of the Straits, and that if he could he would do something definite about it.

Hitler may be betting that he can carry out his plan before Stalin is ready to move. If he can carry it out at all, he is possibly right. But it is by no means certain that he can carry it out at all, and he is adding very heavily to the contingent penalties of failure.

The difficulties on the way are by no means negligible. The alteration of the relations between the two Dictators in the Mediterranean contains endless possibilities of future friction.

So much so that Major Milner proposes to ask some questions about our Intelligence when the House meets again.

During the war of 1914-1918 our Intelligence had some brilliant

achievements to its credit, and it was universally acknowledged to be in every branch of it second to none of its rivals.

In this war, so far as the layman can judge, its record is undistinguished. It has not, from all appearances, supplied the Government with early information about any major scheme or opera-

tion (diplomatic or military) that was on the Nazis' agenda. Nor has it laid a Mata Hari or a Von Rintelen by the heels.

Perhaps such dramatic figures are like the cavalry anachronisms, perhaps totalitarian warfare offers no scope for the exercise of their peculiar talents.

Yet when one recalls what happened in Poland, Norway, and the Low Countries, it outrages credibility to contend that under the ubiquitous and resourceful Gestapo there are no successors to the Mata Haris and Von Rintelens today in Britain, rubbing shoulders with us in the street, the train, the restaurant, and the cinema with ears always vividly on the alert for information that might be grist to Hitler's mill, and passing as people as harmless and loyal as you and I.

For their service also is secret. For them, too, the condition of their survival is that they should not be suspected for what they are.

If there are spies and few, I imagine will doubt it -- are we equipped to outwit them?

It would be comforting to believe that we are, but there are disturbing stories in circulation of intelligence officers who are such only by courtesy title and who owe their positions, not to merit, but to push or influence.

The bulk of these stories may, of course, be the idlest chit-chat of gossip dinner table, but some of them ring true.

Moreover, it cannot be gainsaid that two or three brilliant investigators with vast experience in detecting and defeating cunning and unscrupulous malefactors of all sorts have -- surprisingly -- not been recruited to pit their practised wits against the enemies of the country as they have pitted them against the enemies of society in peacetime.

If this is an accurate portrayal of the situation, to permit its continuance would be a crime -- no less -- against the people of the Empire and most particularly against the Empire's fighting men.



HE'S COMING OUT.

The American Role

Senator Wheeler would have the United States government intervene in the war with an eight-point programme for the settlement of European questions. Thus, in point one he believes that the "working basis" of "a just peace" would be the restoration of Germany's 1914 boundaries. But in point three he believes that Alsace-Lorraine, which in 1914 was German, should be restored to France. In point two he proposes the restoration of independent France, Holland, Norway, Belgium and Denmark. But he does not mention Austria, which in 1914 was not within the German boundaries. His general idea is that the United States should sponsor a territorial settlement in Europe based not only upon the renunciation of all the Nazi conquests, but upon the acceptance by Germany of the thesis that, as regards France, the victory of 1918 is to stand and the defeat of 1940 is to be forgotten.

Senator Wheeler may think he is proposing a settlement which is so reasonable that it might end the war without further fighting. But in fact he is proposing a set of territorial war aims for the Allies which require not only the total defeat of Hitler but the dismemberment of greater Germany.

It is a curious thing that a professed isolationist should think it desirable for the United States to intervene in Europe for the purpose of fixing the territorial boundaries of European states. The President, happily, has known better. He has known better than to repeat the mistakes of 1918 when the United States, instead of realising and then proceeding to fulfill its true

found itself entangled in the parochial boundary disputes of central Europe. For what Senator Wheeler is now proposing is the very thing which caused us to lose the peace that we helped to win by our victory in the war: once we had taken a position in favour of one frontier and opposed to another, we had either to underwrite and police the specific settle-

By Walter Lippmann

ment we had helped to impose or wash our hands of it and of all further effort to maintain the peace of the world.

The President's conception of our role in the world is, as his address made so clear, to make the United States the citadel of freedom, impregnable amidst the two oceans, and in this citadel to make America the arsenal for all those on the other shores of the oceans who fight now for their independence or will later on rebel against tyranny. We help Great Britain, China, Greece and their allies now with all the means at our disposal, and we create here in this continental fortress the weapons which will, come what may, guarantee the survival of freedom and its final victory.

For tyranny can never win a final victory, can never consolidate its conquests, can never establish a new order of dominion and slavery as long as there is an America which is itself unconquerable, which never acknowledges the defeat of our civilization, never ceases to support free men and make available to them an inexhaustible supply of the things men must have to resist and rebel and revive.

In this conception of the American role in the world our principal

task, if we are to be the arsenal of democracy, is to develop here a capacity to produce arms and munitions of war superior to the total productive capacity of Europe. No smaller programme than that is sufficient. We shall not have done what may be needed to win the war, and what will certainly be needed if the war is not won, unless we take as our objective the capacity to build and outproduce the whole of Europe.

We are able to do that. We operate in time of peace -- leaving out Russia's uncertain new capacity -- about one-half of the great industry of the world, and our potential capacity is far greater than anything we have yet made use of. For the production of weapons of war our potential capacity is, as compared with all of Europe and Japan besides, enormous. For nowhere else in the world is there a workshop like the American -- one which cannot be bombed, one which has sure access to raw materials, one operated by free men, not by sullen and rebellious and sweated slaves, one so trained to the use of technological improvements and mass production.

We are, moreover, a people who often do small things carelessly. For little things do not interest steadily these people used to continental spaces. But great projects we carry out with a fervor that is lighted by the greatness of our aim and by the conviction that what is done in this immense land must be done on a large scale. The President must know this. He must know that the more he asks the more this nation will produce -- that only if he fails to set the task greatly will the people fail to respond enthusiastically.

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HUNS RAID AS COVENTRY DEAD ARE BURIED

(By A Special Correspondent)

A GERMAN PLANE droned overhead the guns were in action . . . and a thousand people beneath bowed their heads in prayer. While the rattle in the sky went on they filed, a sad procession of mothers, fathers, sweethearts, and children, along an eighty-yard trench—the mass grave of their 172 loved ones who died in the Tragedy of Coventry.

Even in their deepest sorrow Hitler would not leave them alone. But none of them raised their eyes to this grim reminder of the Hun's massacre. They were too stunned with grief.

One by one the mourners said their last good-byes. One by one they placed their flowers and wreaths at the edge of the muddy trench in which were laid the simple wooden coffins, line after line.

Union Jacks draped the graves. It is the symbol for heroism. And many of these folk were heroic.

Women and children as well as men had sacrificed their lives for the sake of others.

There was Sergeant Lionel Scott, of the Home Guard. He died saving eight of his men.

His bride of eight months, a tragic little woman in the deepest black, was at the head of the line

Owed Lives To Him

She was followed by a squad of Home Guardsmen, some of whom owed their lives to her husband. For a moment the widow and her husband's comrades stood silently by the open grave. One of the Home Guardsmen slipped his arm through hers and led her away. "You are a real soldier's wife," he told her.

Then came a young airman carrying a cross of blue violets he had made himself. His fiancée had gone.

A baby girl in the arms of her father, a A.F.S. man, placed a posy of carnations which bore a card, "To Mummy."

A middle-aged couple gripping each other by the hand stooped to arrange a wreath of chrysanthemums. "A last mark of love to Harry, aged fifteen, from his broken-hearted mother and daddy."

And so they passed along the graveside.

Through the driving rain of the early morning these tragic people had moved through Coventry's torn and jagged streets.

"Heartbroken"

Many of them had walked five or six miles because of the still infrequent transport, to wait at the cemetery gates for the simple twenty minutes' service

which set the seal to the chapter of the city's darkest hour.

Long before the gates of the cemetery were opened they crowded the street outside. Half a dozen times the men raised their hats and women bowed their heads as huge lorries lumbered through, and beneath the green tarpaulin covers they glimpsed the coffins of their dear ones.

Coventry's grey haired Mayor Alderman J. H. Moseley, ex-locomotive driver who had held office only ten days before the raid, walked among them murmuring words of sympathy and comfort.

"I am as heartbroken as you," he said.

When the gates were opened to the mourners, the purple-robed Bishop of Coventry, Dr. Mervyn Haigh, faced them with a sad smile and led them by the little hill to the corner of the burial ground which is Britain's first civilian war cemetery.

Sobbing Women

On the clay mound in front of the grave were grouped the dignitaries of the city. There was Captain Strickland, M.P., the Provost, leading clergy and townspeople, and with them the Earl of Dudley.

In the few moments before the Burial Service was begun the sobs of the women and intimate words of comfort of the men could be heard. But then as the Bishop stepped forward silence settled.

With a firm yet tender voice the Bishop said:

"Citizens of Coventry. No one can voice the sorrow which you share to-day. First remember that the eyes of millions of people are on us at this time.

"I wish I could show you some of the letters and messages I have received from people all over the world expressing their regret, sympathy and admiration.

Common Bond

"THE GERMANS CAN KILL OUR LOVED ONES, BUT IT

BELGIUM PRO-BRITISH

Pro-British programmes are to be broadcast twice daily to Latin-America from the Belgian Congo's official wireless station at Leopoldville.

The Belgian Legation at Mexico City reiterates that despite Belgium's surrender the Belgian colonies will continue the war at the side of Britain.

—Associated Press.

'DEAD' SON SENDS MOTHER LETTERS

A WOMAN IN LOS ANGELES GETS LETTERS EACH WEEK FROM HER SON, WHO HAS BEEN DEAD SIX YEARS.

She is Mrs. Anna Colombo, who was so ill that her doctors decided she would not survive the shock of her son's death.

So they decided to keep the news from her. Her other children have therefore been writing her letters signed "Russ"—who was a radio and film star—and telling her how well he is doing on Broadway.

CORPORAL TO PAY LESS

The Court of Appeal has reduced from £1,629 to £1,129 damages awarded by Mr. Justice Cassels, at Maidstone Assizes, to Miss Barbara Cecilia Bensted, of Townwall Street, Dover, against Lance-Corporal Lomax, stationed at Dover, for injuries she received when she was shot while Lomax was showing her the workings of a Bren gun.

RESTS WITH US WHETHER THEY SHALL BREAK OUR SPIRIT.

"This raid has brought us together in a common bond.

"We are now better friends and neighbours than we were. Let us love and even live in the strength of this new faith. Let us go out and try to live unembittered lives.

"My heart goes out to you, every one of you who has lost someone you love and think you cannot live without.

"God bless you—I mean that. God help us to stand together by our city, by our King and country, at this great crisis."

VICE SQUAD HUNT MEN WHO STRIPPED GIRL

BRIGHTON'S VICE Squad has launched a big "clean up" of the town which, many allege, has been inundated since the beginning of the war with out-of-work crooks.

Head of the squad is burly Police Inspector Wilfred Chick, one of the most feared of Brighton's younger crime spotters.

Working with him is a posse of half a dozen younger officers—all with special knowledge of the town's underworld.

When he woke up at home next morning he discovered he had been robbed.

Sea Front Guard

Watch is being kept by them on certain clubs and other premises in the locality, while the sea front is to have an increased police guard after evening black-outs.

The Vice Squad has been set up following almost daily complaints from all parts of the town. Recently a young soldier met a blonde girl on the sea front. He went with her to a local club.

Girl Stripped

He went back to the club to complain, but was beaten up and thrown outside.

A few days ago outside a Brighton dance hall a young girl was pounced on by a number of men and stripped practically naked. An A.R.P. worker who went to her aid was robbed.

In neither of these cases could the police find witnesses for the prosecution. They were afraid, so it is thought, to come forward with their names.

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BLUSH LED TO A REFORM IN THE ARMY

PANTIES HAVE PUT Quartermasters in their place. They tried to hand them out to A.T.S. at clothing parades. The girls giggled. Q.M.'s blushed. Now girls are not only in charge of their own undies section, but the men's also. And they don't blush.

The Q.M.'s got what was coming to them at one of the biggest combined Army and A.T.S. centres. It was easy for them to throw two pairs of pants and woollen vests into the arms of a soldier and say, "Scram."

But they couldn't sling a khaki suit at an "A.T." It was no use ordering her to pick up the first pair of boots in sight and telling her to "swop" them if they didn't fit.

Jested—Gave Up

"Bundles of women's undies had been coming into the stores for a long time," a staff officer of the Army Ordnance Department told a reporter.

"The boys made jests and wondered what was going to happen at the clothing parade.

"There had never been a parade like it before in the Army.

"The Q. M.'s Staff began well. Then they became embarrassed. In the end their bravery vanished.

"Finally they told the girls to take 'two of each' and no more and hid their heads until that part of the parade was all over.

"The girls will never forget that scene.

"They enjoyed it. They dived among the shelves like women rushing at drapery sale time."

Women In Charge

This scene in the Quartermaster's stores taught the Army a lesson.

Generals decided that in future women must be in charge of a store for women only.

Then someone had another idea. "Women could supply men with clothing without a blush," it was suggested.

"Why not staff the department with women, retaining only a few men to do the heavy work."

That would free more men for the fighting units.

So now Britain's fighting men have their battle dress issued to them by women.

PROFITEERS PAY £2,400

In what was described as the worst case of its kind, two men were fined £1,000 each for egg profiteering.

Fines totalling £2,480 were imposed at Glasgow Sheriff's Court on Glasgow egg merchants, who admitted buying eggs from Ireland at prices above the maximum, and selling at more than the fixed price.

Max Schonbach and Benjamin Brazil, directors of the Egg Market Co., Ltd., of King Street, were fined £1,000 each; Peter McCabe, Ltd., of Clyde Street, was fined £400; Henry Healy, of Oxford Street, was fined £50; and James McGread, of Golspie Street, was fined £30.

The Procurator-Fiscal, Mr. James Adair, said the case of Schonbach and Brazil was looked upon by the Ministry of Food as the most serious of its kind so far reported.

Ireland, he said, became one of the principal sources of supply, and "something approaching a ramp developed."

While the Egg Market Company were direct importers, they were in the favourable position of being also retailers, so that they had the retail profit, too.

RESPECT FOR OUR BALLOON BARRAGE

(By A Correspondent)

Nazi airmen have a healthy respect for our balloon barrage. This is the conviction of the R.A.F. and sailors who control the barrage off our coasts to prevent enemy mine-laying.

To reach the R.A.F.'s floating village, you hop aboard a speed-boat, which whisks you through lanes of warships and convoys until the river meets the sea.

Instead of trim Villas, you find rows of barges and drifters riding at anchor. These are the homes of the R.A.F. "sailors." They control the balloon barrage off our coasts to prevent the enemy mine-laying in shipping lanes and to protect convoys when they come to anchor off port.

Visitors Rare

It seems that visitors never come to the balloons afloat.

"D'you know, you're the first caller we've had since we began the job last November," said a 19-year-old corporal who is "skipper" of the R.A.F. crew on this ship, which had the encouraging name of Constant Hope.

The R.A.F. postman is the most popular man among the balloon crews at sea. Letters from home make up for the monotony of the job. Sometimes Jerry comes over to pot at the balloons, but he always stays high otherwise we might get a chance with our guns. He has a healthy respect for the balloon barrage whether it be on land or sea.

Scurry Back

The bombing of London by night would be very much worse if the Nazis could repeat their dive-bombing terror which brought Warsaw in particular, to surrender.

Just as we were speaking we heard the chatter of machine-guns. On deck, we saw a Nazi bomber scurrying back into the mist from which he had peeped before attacking one of the drifters with his bullets.

MAN BLOWN ON TO ROOF

A council inspector walking in the street was blown 15ft. on to the roof of a bank and badly injured by a high explosive bomb which fell in a London shopping centre.

FORTUNES TO U.S. RACKET

An international currency racket is smuggling tens of thousands of pounds out of Britain.

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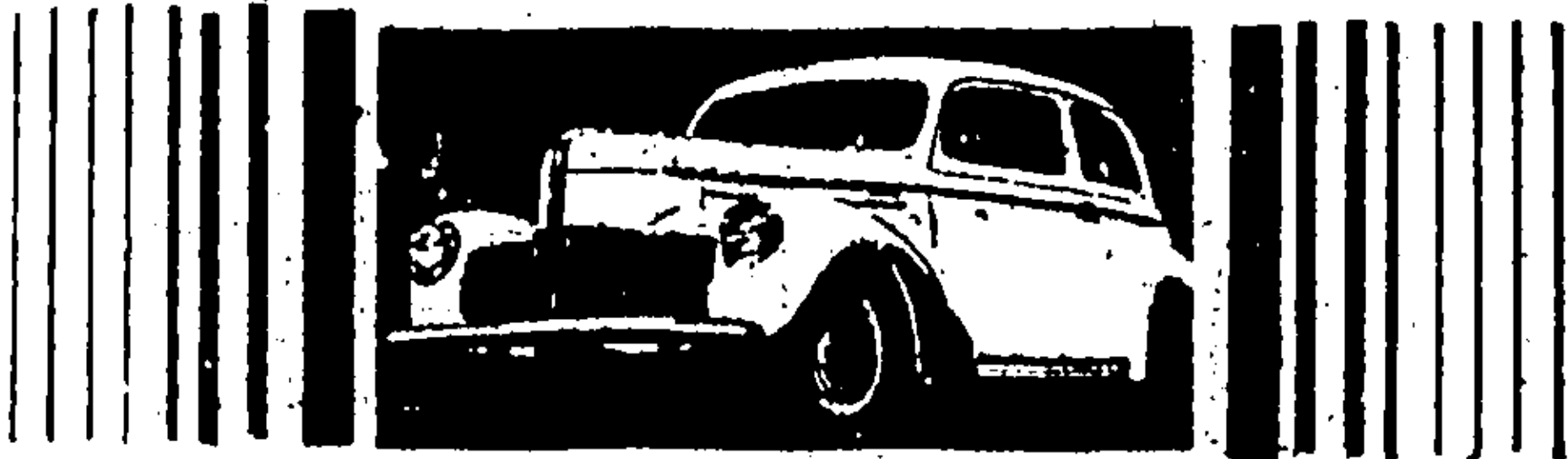
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A. B. PURVES,
Water Authority.
Public Works Department
Hong Kong, 23rd Jan., 1941

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WOMEN DEFY BOMB TO SAVE MEN

Here is a story of heroism under fire—of a sailor's mother and a soldier's bride going to the war while their men wait in the reserve lines.

When they learn from the press of the courage and devotion to duty shown by their women-folk there will be no prouder members of the Forces than Able-Seaman Leslie Elliman, twenty-year-old son of Mrs. Dorothy Elliman, of Wooton-crescent, Bristol, and Sergt. Sidney Jones, of the Tank Corps, newly wed husband of Mrs. Joan Jones, formerly Miss Evans, of Newbridge-road, Bristol.

Mrs. Elliman, aged forty and the mother of four children, and Mrs. Jones, aged twenty-one, bride of a fortnight, were on duty as volunteer nurses in a first aid hospital in works which were recently bombed during an air raid.

Learning that a trench shelter had been hit in the works they dashed out of cover and for five hours worked in the open amid bombs and flames, pulling wounded, dead and dying men out of the collapsing ruins of the trench and giving them injections to ease their pain.

Then they went back to their jobs.

This is Mrs. Elliman's modest account of the "battle" in which she played so heroic a part.

"I am really an inspector at the works, but for over six months, in my spare time at night, I have been going regularly to a hospital to learn first aid.

"When the air raid alarm went I ran to our hospital in the works. Before I could even get my coat off they carried in an injured man.

Saved Wounded Man

"They laid him down facing the hospital door, and Nurse Jones, one of the regular nurses there, asked me to support him while she fetched some water to bathe his head. Just as she returned a bomb fell close at hand.

"We both threw ourselves on top of the man and fortunately no one was injured.

"My back hurt rather—caused by the blast—but just then a man was carried in crying that many people were trapped in a trench I slipped on my apron, but did not wait to get a tin hat. I just grabbed some swabs, caught hold of Mrs. Jones to help me, and together we ran across about thirty yards of open ground to the trench.

"It was a terrible sight. The walls of the trench were collapsing and the A.R.P. squads who were trying to get the buried men out could not use spades for fear of cutting someone.

"They had to dig with their hands. They went on for hours.

"Meanwhile, I managed to burrow head first into the trench, pulling people out and giving first-aid when I could do so.

"Several times bombs exploded nearby, but I cannot say I noticed them. I was too busy.

"Mrs. Jones was just behind me the whole time, handing me syringes and so on. She is so young that I tried to shield her from the worst sights.

Young Mrs. Jones was loud in her praise of Mrs. Elliman, but said little about the part she herself played in rescuing the buried men.

BRIDGE NOTES

MAKING THE SLAM

By The Four Aces

An inference drawn from the bidding gave South the clue to the winning play for his Slam contract:

South, Dealer
North-South vulnerable

♠ K Q 10
♥ Q 5 2
♦ J 10 8 4
♣ Q J 6

♠ 6 4 3
♥ 9 6
♦ K 9
♣ A 10 9 8

♠ 7 2
♥ J 10 8 4
♦ 7 6 3 2
♣ 7 4 3

♠ A J 9 8 5
♥ A K 7 3
♦ A Q 5
♣ K

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♥	Pass	3NT	Pass
4♦	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the Ace of clubs and continued the suit, dummy winning with the Jack while South discarded the low diamond. Before continuing with the play, South did a little realistic thinking.

Whenever it seemed safe, he would be able to take another discard on dummy's Queen of clubs. If the hearts were going to break 3-3, he did not need a heart discard so should discard the Queen of diamonds. But if the hearts were not going to break, the Slam might depend on a successful diamond finesse. But West's overall practically marked the location of the diamond King: West could hardly have made his overall with just a shabby club suit and not the slightest side strength.

Finally, South evolved a good campaign for the contract. He cashed the Queen and ten of trumps, then led the Queen of clubs, discarding the diamond Queen from his own hand. Next he led to the diamond Ace and returned to the dummy via the heart Queen. The next step was to ruff a low diamond, and when West's diamond King dropped, the rest was easy. If the King of diamonds had not dropped, South intended to cash the top hearts before drawing the last trump. Then he would make the Slam if

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the hearts broke 3-3, or if the last trump happened to be held by the defender who had four hearts.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ J 10 8 7 5 3
♥ K 6
♦ K 4
♣ A 10 2

The bidding:

Burnstone	Jacoby	Yon	Schenken
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♠	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Even though your partner has a minimum opening bid, his hand fits spades, and you have a fit for his diamonds. There should be an excellent play for game, so you should not risk missing it by bidding less than four spades.

Score 100% for four spades, 70% for three spades, 40% for two no-trump, 20% for three no-trump.

Question No. 622

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

♠ K J 9 7 3
♥ 8 6 2
♦ 10 4
♣ 10 9 2

The bidding:

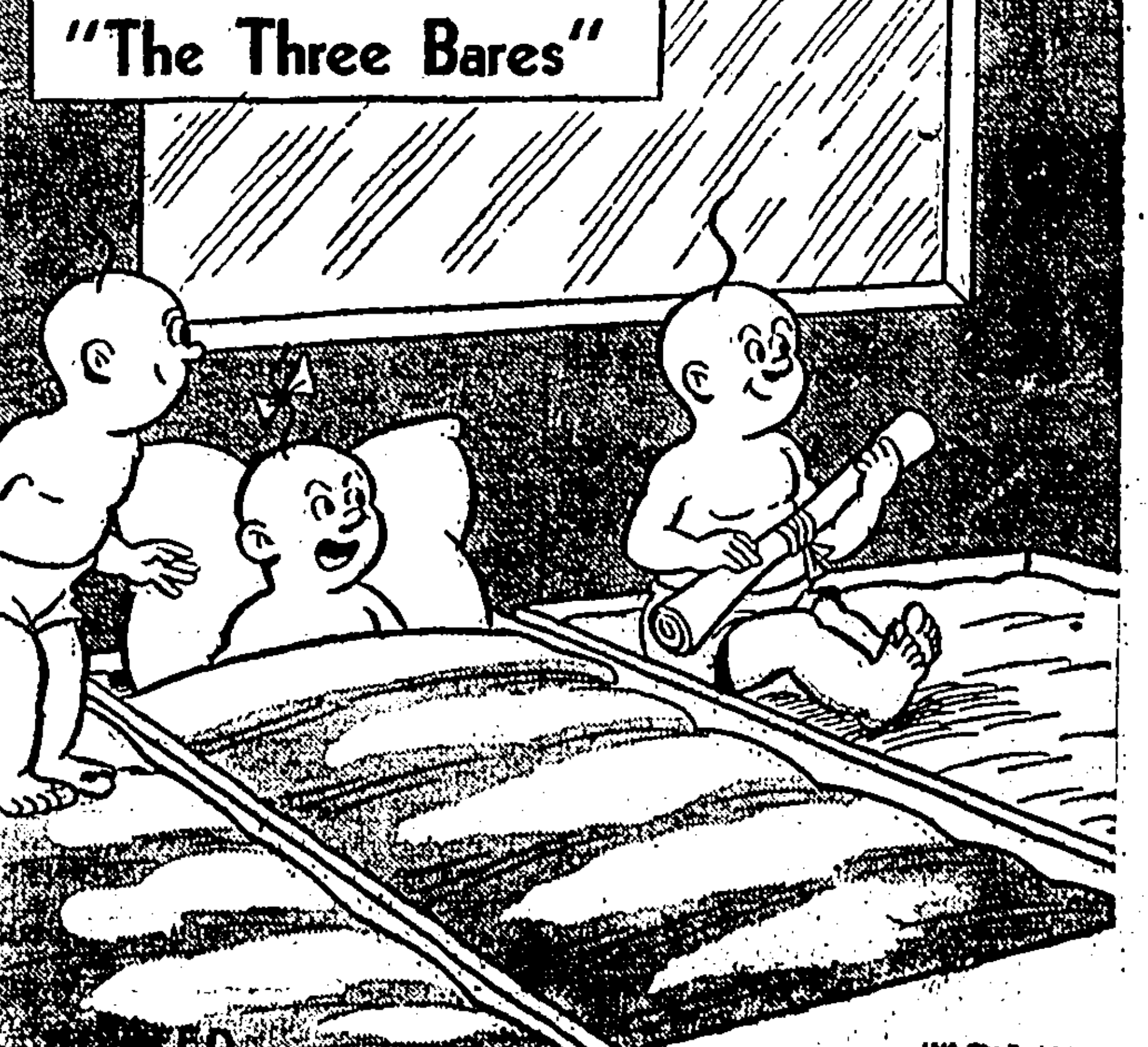
Schenken	Burnstone	Yon	Jacoby
1♦	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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OFF THE RECORD By ED REED

"The Three Bares"



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"The girls look after themselves better than the boys and give me a lot less trouble. They don't get wandering about so much and miss their trains. "On this station we have special sleeping accommodation for women."

EVACUEE 'CRASHED' HOLLYWOOD

First of England's child evacuees to "crash" Hollywood and win a start on the road to stardom is Roddy McDowall, aged twelve, who crossed the Atlantic, amid bombings, in the liner Scythia recently.

Roddy has been assigned a leading role of Huw, correct in the film version of the novel, "How Green Was My Valley."

His mother, Mrs. W. L. McDowall, said Roddy appeared in sixteen films in England, but they arrived in Hollywood with their money almost gone.

"My father stayed behind," said Roddy. "He runs a lorry, and he's got to move explosives for the Government and get the Jerries out of the air. He'll do it, too."

HOME HIT AS FIANCEE DARED FIRE

(By A Special Correspondent)

Time after time, a pretty blonde ran into a bedroom of a blazing hotel during an air raid, risking death to rescue the belongings of her airman fiance.

Not till the flames enveloped the floor and sections of the roof were collapsing did Freda Ledster, aged twenty-three, give up.

Then, a sky-blue great-coat slung over her shoulders, she went to the home she had prepared for her wedding in a fortnight's time.

It was crumbled to dust — one of the bombs rained on Coventry in the "worst-ever" raid had shattered it.

Throughout the week-end, when she was able to leave her work in a big factory, Miss Ledster searched in the wreckage in the hope of salvaging some of the furniture.

She had not been able to break the news to her flying officer fiance. He was away on operational duties.

"I could murder Hitler for this," she told a reporter. "Everything we had saved for and collected has gone. My trousseau, three suites of furniture, carpets, curtains—everything."

Premonition

"Still it's no use crying over spilt milk. We have ourselves and that's the main thing. I hope we shall still be able to get married on the 30th—but I'm told the register office has been wrecked too."

She said she was having a meal at the hotel, at which her fiance stays, when the raid started. The building next door was fired, and the flames quickly attacked the roof of the hotel.

"I raced upstairs to my fiance's bedroom," said Miss Ledster, grabbed the new uniform he had had made for the wedding, his coat, and bundles of other things.

"All through that dreadful night, I had a premonition that our home had been wrecked."

Waving her hand over the mass of debris, she added: "You can see just how true it came."

MINISTRY'S RISKS WITH WAR JOBS

"WE HAVE GREAT DIFFICULTY IN GETTING PERSONNEL TO MAN OUR EVER-GROWING ESTABLISHMENT, AND WE HAVE TO TAKE ONE OR TWO RISKS."

This statement was made at the Old Bailey by Mr. J. W. Ivimy, principal in the establishments department of the Ministry of Supply, when an assistant inspector in the ordnance division of the Ministry was sent to prison for nine months.

The sentenced man, Harris Alan Cuthbert Hodgson, thirty-nine, was accused of passing worthless cheques.

When Mr. Ivimy said that Hodgson had been appointed to a £700 a year post on July 11, the Recorder (Sir Gerald Dodson) asked if the Ministry knew then that proceedings for the cheque offences had begun.

Mr. Ivimy said they did not. Hodgson had been appointed after being interviewed by two responsible officers.

Recorder's Advice

"You might make it your business," said the Recorder, to inform the gentlemen who interviewed this man that if they had taken up his Army references they would have found at once that they were employing a man who had already received a sentence for dishonesty.

"It would have been simple to get his Army record, and that would have disclosed the whole situation and saved a scandal. You might inform these two gentlemen to be a little more wide awake in the public interest."

Mr. Ivimy added that Hodgson began duty on July 12. The two interviewing officers obtained highly satisfactory personal references, but they did not discover that he had been sentenced in India for dishonesty.

An officer with such technical experience as Hodgson had was very valuable to the Ministry, and they had no hesitation in appointing him.

On November 13 he was given notice terminating his appointment because of "the unsatisfactory nature of his service," which included his efficiency, the fact that he had absented himself without leave, and certain money affairs in the inspectional department.

The Recorder: I am not surprised to hear that.

"Astonishing"

Mr. Ivimy said Hodgson's employment was terminated as from October 12.

The Recorder: It is astonishing that the Ministry, with all its resources, did not know that he had been committed for trial on July 12 and that nobody informed them. I hope we can rest assured that he will receive no more public money, either £700 or 700 pence, Mr. Ivimy: That is so.

For the defence it was stated that Hodgson was on the way to leading an honest life after his "slip" in India. Only £230 was involved. He had been suffering from neurosis.



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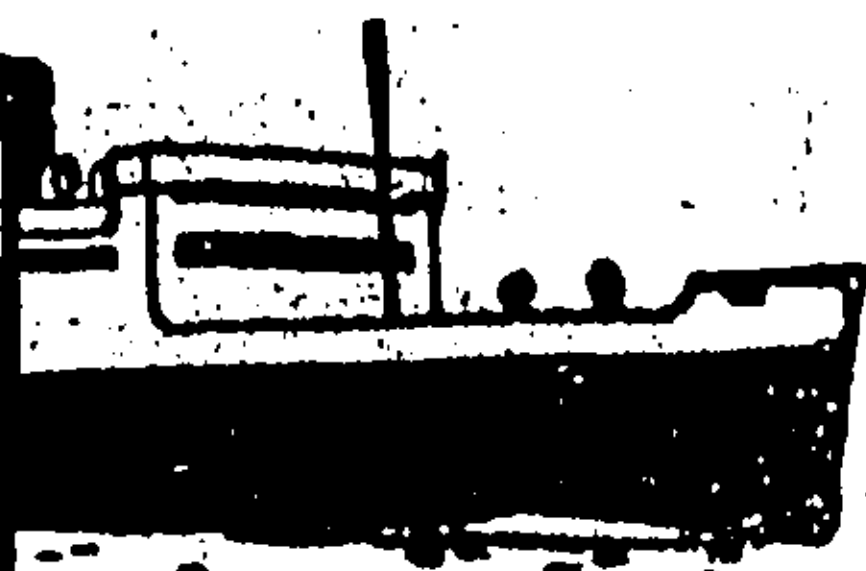
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tral Post Office will be open from 8
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There will be one collection from the
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sion.

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Cormack (Tenor).

1.13 p.m.—The London Palladium
Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announce-
ments.

1.45 p.m.—Dance Music by Jay Wilbur
and His Band.

2.15 p.m.—Close Down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quota-
tions.

6.32 p.m.—Compositions of Brahms.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of
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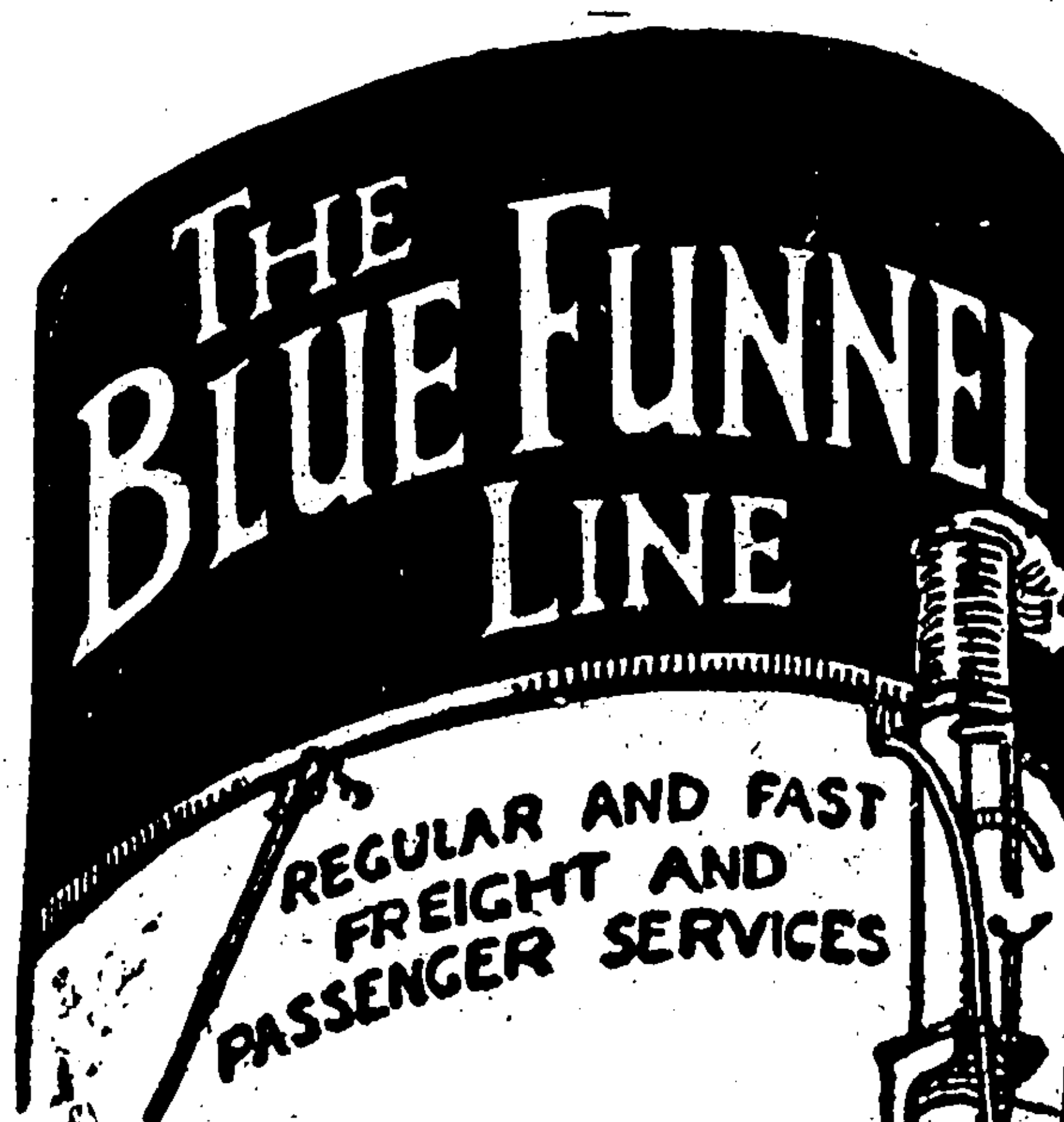
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"B" Division

	P.	L.	W.
N. L. Smith and P. Wilson (St. John's)	12	0	12
E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's)	12	2	10
S. P. Chan and K. J. Attwell (King's)	6	0	6
H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's)	6	0	6
A. L. Fisher and P. Wynter-Blyth (K.C.C.)	9	1	8
Peter Lo and J. Tsang (Kowloon Tong)	12	6	6
K. L. Lui and W. C. Chung (King's)	6	1	5
W. Gillies and L. Gordon (Police)	12	6	6
T. Lam and K. H. Lo (King's)	9	4	5
P. A. Yvanovich and P. P. Botelho (Recreio)	6	1	5
D. M. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	6	1	5
A. E. Xavier and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	6	2	4
A. E. Brown and S. A. Gray (St. Andrew's)	6	2	4
R. Maynard and G. S. Ladd (St. John's)	12	8	4
C. F. Chiu and P. C. Leung (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
S. C. Liang and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
C. C. Pereira and E. A. R. Alves (Recreio)	3	0	3
V. D. Bright and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	3	0	3
S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's)	3	0	3
C. F. Chiu and W. H. Choy (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
P. C. Leung and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	0	3
E. A. R. Alves and B. T. Gosano (Recreio)	3	0	3
D. Hazell and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	6	3	3
D. Kwok and E. Kennard (St. John's)	6	3	3
M. M. Davies and B. Gillespie (St. Andrew's)	6	3	3
J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones (K.C.C.)	9	6	3
H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's)	3	1	2
J. L. Anderson and D. Hazell (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
H. S. Jones and A. E. P. Guest (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and R. E. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
C. F. Chiu and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
F. H. Kwok and J. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
R. E. Lee and K. M. Lee (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
S. C. Chan and Lee Po (Kowloon Tong)	3	1	2
F. S. Li and S. C. Liang (Chung Wah)	3	1	2
A. E. P. Guest and E. Zimmern (K.C.C.)	3	1	2
J. Odell and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	1	2
W. H. Choy and S. F. Lee (Chung Wah)	6	3	3
S. T. Chan and S. C. Chan (Kowloon Tong)	6	4	2
W. C. Choy and K. F. Chiu (Chung Wah)	3	2	1
E. A. R. Alves and P. A. Yvanovich (Recreio)	3	2	1
A. E. Xavier and R. M. Soares (Recreio)	3	2	1
O. el Arculli and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.)	3	2	1
B. Godkin and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
N. A. E. Mackay and J. A. Chen (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
R. E. Lee and F. S. Ko (Kowloon Tong)	3	2	1
A. R. Polak and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
S. Ramler and B. Godkin (J.R.C.)	3	2	1
A. Polak and M. Talan (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
B. Godkin and J. Odell (J.R.C.)	6	5	1
F. Castro and A. A. Reme-dios (V.R.C.)	6	5	1
A. Basto and M. M. de V. Soares (V.R.C.)	6	5	1
J. MacDonald and H. Ding-dale (Police)	9	8	1
A. Odell and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
P. P. Botelho and A. E. Noronha (Recreio)	3	3	0
R. Hogart and J. Shepherd (Police)	3	3	0
D. M. Xavier and S. Souza (V.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. Basto and A. A. Noronha (V.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. E. Brown and M. M. Davis (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
A. S. Bliss and V. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
M. M. Davis and M. Merrett (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
E. H. White and J. Tomlinson (St. Andrew's)	3	3	0
S. Ramler and L. Landau (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. R. Polak and S. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
L. Landau and A. Odell (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
H. Dingdale and J. Ferrier (P.R.C.)	3	3	0
C. Y. Sin and J. Shepherd (P.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. R. S. Major and C. Y. Siu (Police)	6	6	0

"Y" HOCKEY TEAMS

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. to-morrow on the Navy ground:
 Seconds, 3 p.m. — Cleggett, Grant, Railton, Saxby, Tomlinson, Gorman, Macey, Olson, Dornor, Fancey, Banks.
 Firsts v. Nomads, 4.15 p.m. — Cleggett, Taylor, Courieff, Jordan, Coombes, Waldron, Spencelayh, Spare, Hitchcock, Morhan, Dunlop.

BADMINTON NOTES

K.C.C. Beat St. John's On Seventh Game Of Evening

Henry Eardley Badly Missed By Losers

Norman Smith In Fine Form

By "Adrem"

WITHOUT HENRY EARDLEY, FORMER SHANGHAI CHAMPION, ST. JOHN'S WENT DOWN BADLY TO KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB IN "B" DIVISION OF THE BADMINTON LEAGUE ON WEDNESDAY.

I say St. John's lost badly and this will probably surprise many who noticed that the margin of victory was only one game. Actually, however, K.C.C. won the match on the seventh game of the evening, although they lost the remaining two.

K.C.C. led 2-1 after the first round and 4-2 after the second.

There is no gainsaying the fact that it was Eardley's absence that enabled K.C.C. to win. David Kwok, who was partnered by E. Kennard, was faced with a hopeless proposition and although he made strenuous efforts and was one of the outstanding players of the evening, Kennard's inexperience was obvious and concentration on him usually led to success. This pair did extremely well but beat J. L. Anderson and H. S. Jones.

Best Combination

Norman Smith and Peter Wilson were the best combination on view and they maintained their unbeaten record they have now played 12 games. Smith was in brilliant form and was largely responsible for the three wins registered by this couple. His coverage of court left nothing to be desired and in a driving or smashing duel he almost invariably emerged successful.

Wilson, however, is to be commended for the part he played. He was quite content to take a minor role, taking the forecourt at every opportunity and confining his activities to killing short lobs and high-drops.

Maynard and Ladd were never in the picture although they tried very hard.

Fisher and Wynter-Blyth were again the most impressive individual players for Kowloon Cricket Club although in their game against Smith and Wilson their tactics were rather difficult to understand.

Notwithstanding the fact that Smith was consistently getting the better of them, they allowed themselves to be drawn into playing the type of game he was dictating; that of driving and clearing. This enabled Smith to take on most of the play himself. He is probably without a peer when it comes to these methods and half-court shots up the sidelines and a concentrated short game would have had the effect of keeping Wilson occupied and Smith more on the defensive.

Guest and Zimmern, on the first occasion that they have paired off did very well and their defeat of Kwok and Kennard, which I believe was rather unexpected, clinched the game for K.C.C.

Interesting Struggle

Two of the weaker teams in the Division, Jewish Recreation Club and Victoria Recreation Club, had an interesting struggle, the latter just emerging victorious by the odd game. There was not a great deal in the players individually but the experience and speed of D. N. Xavier and S. A. Rumjahn, who won all three games, proved the deciding factor.

For the losers Tolman and Jack Odell were in great form, winning two games and only losing the third by the narrowest of margins.

In the only other game played, St. Andrew's had little difficulty against Police and only dropped one game, this being secured by former St. Andrew's player, Gillies, and Gordon.

The fixture between King's and Recreio was postponed as, owing to injuries, the former team were unable to field a side.

JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLE

Recent publication of "B" Division Badminton League tables in these columns has inadvertently omitted to split up the tables according to sections.

Here is an amended table:—

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's	3	0	3	21	6	6
Chung Wah	3	1	2	19	8	4
Recreio	3	1	2	17	10	4
V.R.C.	3	2	1	8	19	2
J.R.C.	4	4	0	7	26	0

SECTION "B"

	P.	L.	W.	F.	A.	Pts.
K.C.C.	4	0	4	23	13	8
St. John's	4	1	3	25	11	6
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2	18	18	4
St. Andrew's	4	3	1	17	19	2
Police	4	4	0	7	26	0

BUSY PAM BARTON

When Pam Barton won the British and American golf titles in the same year, she told Betty Debenham, a reporter, that she spent several hours a day in practice—and was convinced she could not play big-time golf without doing so.

Nowadays she gets no practice at all . . . and is still as grand a player as ever. Which proves something.

Pam has amazing vitality. One hour's sleep was her allowance before her match for the "Daily Sketch" Fund at Verulam. Then she drove back through the barrage to her ambulance station at Barnes in time to go on night duty again.

Pam's hours are to be changed, she tells me, to 24 hours on and 48 hours off.

So she wants to be allowed to help pack and despatch the blankets she helps to buy for the air-raid victims which are distributed by the Fund.

"ATTABOY" SHIELD MATCH

The annual bowls match for the "Attaboy" shield at Kowloon Bowling Green Club will be held on the Club greens on Monday.

All Members intending to play are asked to note that they must be present and sign the list in the Club by 10 a.m. on the day of the match.

KWANTI RACE MEETING

Following are the entries and handicaps for the February race meeting, to be held at Kwanti on February 2:—

The Shataukok Hurdle Race (1 1/4 Miles)—Classic Hall (160), Dow-Jones (160), Jack O'Lantern (160), Mortmain (165), Rob Roy (160), Three Farthings (160), Venture (160), Viber (160) and Zero (165).

The Lo Wu Handicap (Six Furlongs)—Arabian Cat (159), Gallant Marshal (147), King's Envoy (135), Lucky Eleven (150), National Liberty (149), Plain View (135) and Wild Bear (135).

The Queensland Handicap (1 1/4 Miles)—Brutus (168), Colorado Star (152), Glorious Star (162), Kiola (140), Sea Urchin (162), Spectram (140) and Teviotdale (155).

The Kwanti Cup Handicap (One Mile)—Amber II (150), Circe (159), Colorado Star (137), Dick Turpin (140), Schmetterling (135), Sea Urchin (135), Surprise Again (149) and Tarzan (135).

The San Wal Handicap (One Mile)—Double Chance (140), Emergency Call (144), King's Worthy (148), Phoenix (151), Royal Highness (148), Royal Wedding Eve (159), Talkative (137), The Leopard (143), The Tigress (135) and Wilber (146).

The Lo Wu Handicap (Six Furlongs)—Ascot Vale (159), Dekko (145), Desert Star (153), Dow-Jones (135), Heddon (150), Lancashire Chap (151), National Success (159), Palmer (159) and Zero (151).

Special Sweep

In connection with the Kwanti Cup Handicap, a special Dollar Sweep with a limit of 100,000 chances is being run. The cost of a thorough chance is \$10, including the Special Sweep.

Tickets can be obtained at the Cash Sweep Department, No. 17, Connaught Road, Central, top-floor.

HEAVY FORWARDS FAVOURED

Navy have selected their Rugby Sevens team for the Tournament, on 15th and 22nd February, and they are as follows:

"A"—Honeywill; Paul and Carter (Capt.); Bowden; Winter, Watson and King.

"B"—Morahan (Capt.); McGill and Kennedy; Rutherford; Poole, Longmuir and Eager.

RESERVES—Wilson, Skinner, Palmer, Hughes and Gallagher.

A third team may be entered at a later date.

Practice matches have been arranged, the "A" team meeting the Bank at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, and the "B" an Army side on the same day at 4.45 p.m.

The presence of Naval Volunteers in the Navy teams has caused a surprise, as it was thought they were competing as a separate unit, and has also greatly strengthened Navy's chances of succeeding Club as winners of the Blarney Stone Shield.

They have made sure of three heavy forwards to get the ball back, but McGill, Poole and Eager, all of whom are fast and sound tacklers, may be missed by the "A" team before the Tournament concludes.

SWIMMING EXHIBITION

At Y.M.C.A. Swimming Pool yesterday Rikkyo University team, on their way back to Japan after a visit to the Philippines, gave a swimming exhibition before local swimming enthusiasts in an attempt to better records set by the Japanese Far Eastern Olympic Swimming team in 1934.

One record was broken by Seietro Oura, who returned a time of 2 mins. 27 secs. for the 200 yards breast-stroke to better the mark for the "Y" Pool set in 1934 by Reizo Koike.

Oura bettered Koike's time of 2.28.2.

Sigeo Arai, third in the last Olympic Games, failed by a fifth of a second to better Masanori Yusa's "Y" Pool record of 53.2 seconds for the 100 Yards Free style.

Tutomu Hiraga, swimming the 150 yards breast-stroke, was quite far off the figures set by Kawatsu in 1934 in the "Y" Pool, but in returning 1 min. 46 secs. swam the first 100 yards in 68.6 seconds to better the Colony record.

Tosio Honma could not better 5 minutes for the 440 yards free style, but was not far off Shozo Makino's mark of 4:58.2 for the same pool. Honma covered the first 220 yards in 2 mins. 22.1 secs. to better the Colony record of 2 mins. 25 secs.

In the last event Hiraga, Oura and Arai swam the 300 yards medley relay in 3 mins. 16 4/5 secs.

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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

Army Sporting Personalities

Local Record Of Lieut. Coombes Some News Of Home Boxing

By "Squaddy"

LIEUT. Coombes of Royal Army Medical Corps is a fine all round sportsman, and has represented both his Unit and the Army at Rugby and cricket.

He is a member of the England Rugby fifteen (Hong Kong) which defeated Ireland in the International series last week. He is a dangerous player when in possession and takes a lot of stopping.

He is one of the Army's best centre-threequarters or halves in fact and has a strong kick.

On one occasion, playing for Combined Small Units, he converted a try from 45 yards out easily clearing the cross-bar!

He also represents his Unit and the Army at Cricket, his best scores to date being 109 not out against the Club when playing for the Royal Scots, 76 not out against the Club when playing for the Wanderers, and 104 not out against the 5th A.A. Regt. A.A. when playing for the Medical Corps.

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ON Tuesday Cpl. Harvey, the local Army individual billiards and snooker champion, was beaten by A. P. Pereira of the Hong Volunteer Defence Corps by 47 points.

Harvey won two frames out of the three, but Pereira won on points.

In the first frame Pereira easily won by 96 points to 15, and it looked very much at this moment that he would overwhelm Harvey. The latter, however, managed to rally to win the next frame by 69 points to 58, and the last by 62 points to 28.

The Snooker competition for the shield recently presented to the Area Sports Board Billiards and Snooker section by Messrs. J. A. Windsor and Co., will be competed for as a League which will commence not later than February 1.

Entries close for this competition on January 28.

So far the following teams have entered:—Corps Military Police; Royal Army Medical Corps; Royal Corps Signals (Cpls. Mess); Corps Signals 'A' Team; and the Royal Engineers.

It is hoped that one or two teams will be entered from the Gunners, but the Royal Scots might not be able to enter owing to camp.

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AT Sookunpoo on Tuesday Royal Engineers beat Royal Scots in the final of the Small Units' Rugby League by nine points to nil after leading by three points at the interval.

The Sappers have to thank Birrell for their victory. He scored all three tries, despite the handicap of the wet and muddy ground.

The Scots were inclined to fly kick at the ball, which on many occasions went to the Sapper forwards.

The Large Units' Rugby League will commence next week, the first games being down for Wednesday. Subsequent games will be played on Tuesdays at Sookunpoo.

HERE are the leading Army goal scorers in all Association Football Leagues: Fox of the Engineers, and Jennings of the Middlesex who have both scored 26 goals, head the list:—

Association Football

FIRST DIVISION

Horsack (R. Scots) 9

Saw (Midd'x) 8

SECOND DIVISION

Fox (R.E.s) 26

Jennings (Midd'x) 26

Lee Wai-lam (R.E.s) 25

Auld (R. Scots) 22

Martin (R.A.S.C.) 17

Clarke (R.A.S.C.) 15

Pelham (R.E.s) 14

Round (30th R.A.) 12

Morgan (R.A.S.C.) 10

THIRD DIVISION	
Jones (R.E.s)	18
Brown (35th R.A.)	15
Manfield (R.A.F.)	15
Brackenbury (Sigs.)	13
Owens (24th R.A.)	12
Whitmore (26th R.A.)	11
Roche (12th R.A.)	10
Bartlett (R.A.F.)	10
Atkins (24th R.A.)	9
Bundy (Sigs.)	9
Jones (36th R.A.)	7
Cross (20th R.A.)	7

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AT a recent boxing competition held at Windsor, England, Jim Gully, the Royal Horse Guards heavyweight, outpointed Pte. Bradshaw of Canada. This was Gully's first contest for some months, and he gave a polished display which pleased his followers. They liked his excellent straight left and sound defence. Owing to the impossibility of holding boxing in London recently, Gully has been denied the chance of a follow-up fight, but promoters are busy exploring the evacuation towns in the Home Counties with a view to holding tournaments during the week-ends, and he is well up the list of possible contestants.

Those who are interested in the featherweight division should watch Terry McStravick, the seventeen-year-old Irishman.

He wants to fight Sgt. Tom Smith for the right to meet Ned Tarleton for the British Title.

McStravick beat Jackie Rankin at Liverpool about a year ago or maybe less, and was then matched with Smith, but Tom had to go to France and was at Dunkirk on the date the bout was expected.

LAST Monday the Combined Small Units held a meeting of Athletic representatives with the object of holding an Individual Athletic Meeting at the beginning of April.

After this meeting they would then decide the Combined Small Units Athletic team for the Area Athletic meeting which takes place in April.

The Small Units should be able to produce a fairly strong team now that they have the support of the Royal Air Force. The Signals have one or two excellent runners, and this year it is hoped that the Small Units will be able to field a team, and not leave it all to the Signals as in previous seasons.

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BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

THE FIRST ROUND of the Singles Handicap Competition was finished on Monday, as arranged, and the second round will commence immediately. Contestants are reminded that the second round must be completed by February 10.

H. E. Waller played M. Talan on January 16, in the first round and the first named player won very comfortably by 98 pins.

Waller's handicap was plus 43 and Talan's plus 30, and the scores were:—

H. E. Waller (plus 43) ... 486

M. Talan (plus 30) ... 388

I do not ever remember having seen Talan play such a poor game as he did on this occasion; he was obviously badly out of practice his average of 129 being away below his usual form.

Wilkins Wins

Corp. H. B. Wilkins of the Royal Corps of Signals played A. W. Peake on January 17, and Wilkins made no mistake in winning by 134 pins.

Wilkins' handicap was plus 30 and Peake plus 46. The scores were:—

H. B. Wilkins (plus 30) ... 504

A. W. Peake (plus 46) ... 370

Wilkins bowled consistently well, his average working out at 168 pins per game, but then he is a much more experienced player than his opponent. Peake is practically a new player to the Alleys, never having played in a match game before, and probably only four or five ordinary games altogether. With a little more practice he should do quite well.

Good Match

There was quite a good match played on January 19, which proved to be much closer than the above two matches. It was between Signalman J. McLaren of the Signals and E. W. Bannister. McLaren won by 34 pins, his handicap being plus 43 and Bannister's plus 46. The scores were as follows:—

J. McLaren (plus 43) ... 456

E. W. Bannister (plus 46) ... 422

McLaren's average of 152 was quite fair and he might have done even better, but for a weak 131 in his last game, after a 174 in his second game.

I was quite impressed with Bannister's debut to match play.

A Misunderstanding

The "Tulsa" were due to meet the Alley Team on January 19 in a Ten Pin Match, but owing to a misunderstanding as regards the time to commence, a three-game match was played between Tulsa and Doc Molthen's team. The Tulsa on this occasion won convincingly by 235 pins, the scores being as follows:—

Tulsa 1989

Doc Molthen's Team ... 1754

Niehoff of the Tulsa was the star bowler of the match. He bowled consistently throughout the three games, his total of 558 being a good performance.

Ernie Hearther of Doc Molthen's team was second with 525, good enough bowling but not up to his usual standard.

Borg, and Peterson of the Tulsa, and Doc Molthen were just about on a par.

The original match scheduled to take place earlier on in the evening, commenced at about 8.30 p.m. between the Tulsa and the Alley Team, and again resulted in a win for the Tulsa by 132 pins:

Tulsa 3271

Alley Team 3139

Hearther of the Alley Team was a little better during this game, and was top-scorer with 913, netting the only scores of 200 or over during the match; he made 228 in his second game and 214 in his third game. Borg of the Tulsa was not very far behind with 890.

Feature of his game, although he never made a 200 score, was a 190 in his second game, and another useful 192 in his fourth. Niehoff for Tulsa was not as good as in the first match, although he was third highest scorer with 870. Birkett was completely off form, his 635 being probably the lowest score he has ever put up before in a match.

Another Match

There was another three-game Ten Pin match in the Singles

Handicap Competition played on Monday, between W. D. Gardner and A. H. Potts.

Both players' handicaps were plus 50. Gardner won by 56 pins, the scores being as follows:—

W. D. Gardner 365

A. H. Potts 309

Gardner's performance was extraordinary. This player made 182 in his second game, and 89 and 94 in his first and third games.

Potts was well off form.

First Round Concluded

The last match in the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition was played, also on January 20, between Joe Landolt and B. Godkin. The former only managed to scrape home by the narrow margin of 15 pins.

The scores were, J. S. Landolt 535 and B. Godkin 520 and Landolt conceded 26 pins per game.

Landolt bagged a good 200 in his last game to put him 15 pins ahead, after a hard fight right through.

Godkin bowled steadily and it was a pity he could only manage 131 in his first game, otherwise the position would have been reversed.

This was probably the finest and closest match in the course of the first round of the competition.

A brilliant score at Ten Pins was compiled, put up by R. E. Golden of the U.S.S. Tulsa, on Tuesday. He netted 245, almost beating Blount's 246—the record for the month up to the time of writing these Jottings.

His score was made up as follows:—commencing with a nine in his first frame, he then scored seven strikes in a row, a spare in his ninth frame, a spare in his tenth to make an eight with the extra ball.

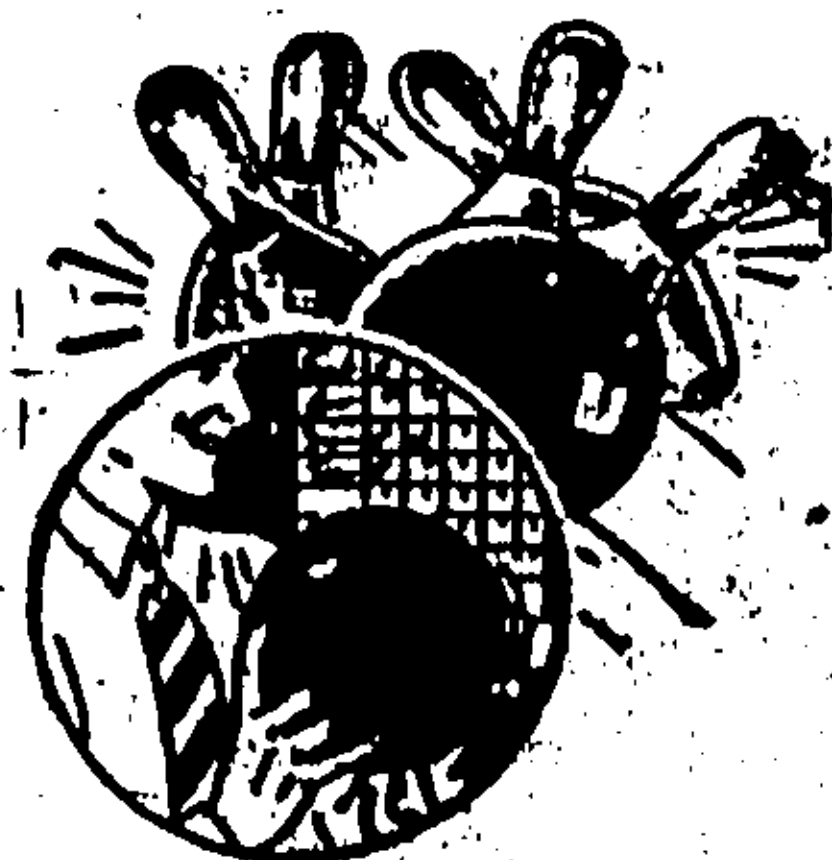
CORRESPONDENCE

[Sports Editor—"China Mail"]

Dear Sir—I regret I did not reply to Aromin's letter through the medium of this paper sooner, as I was rather busy lately, but thank him just the same for accepting my challenge. I don't as a rule underestimate my opponents, but one thing I do know and that is that I am good. It is now up to Aromin or anyone else to prove otherwise. By the way are there any more Aromins, bring them all out, the more the merrier? How can we get together? Please give details through this paper. Good luck to you Young Aromin and may the better man win when we do meet.

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FOOTBALL HIGHLIGHTS

By "REFEREE"

There is every possibility of a play-off for the First Division football title as the result of South China's narrow win over Eastern last Saturday by 3 goals to 2 and both South China and Sing Tao are now on level terms with the latter having slightly the harder remaining games.

Lee Wai-tong, who could do nothing the previous Sunday against Sing Tao was in great form. He scored in the first few minutes of the game and provided the other openings which resulted in South China being three goals in the lead in the first 15 minutes.

Eastern staged a great rally in the second half and almost drew level when they were awarded a penalty, but Hyui missed.

Eastern supporters were not pleased with the result and many are of the opinion that the referee should have allowed a goal when Hyui beat Tam with a good shot which hit the upright.

The ball hit the upright but rebounded into Tam's hands. The referee was on the spot at the time and the linesman was up with the play and there was no doubt in the minds of either official that the ball did not cross the line.

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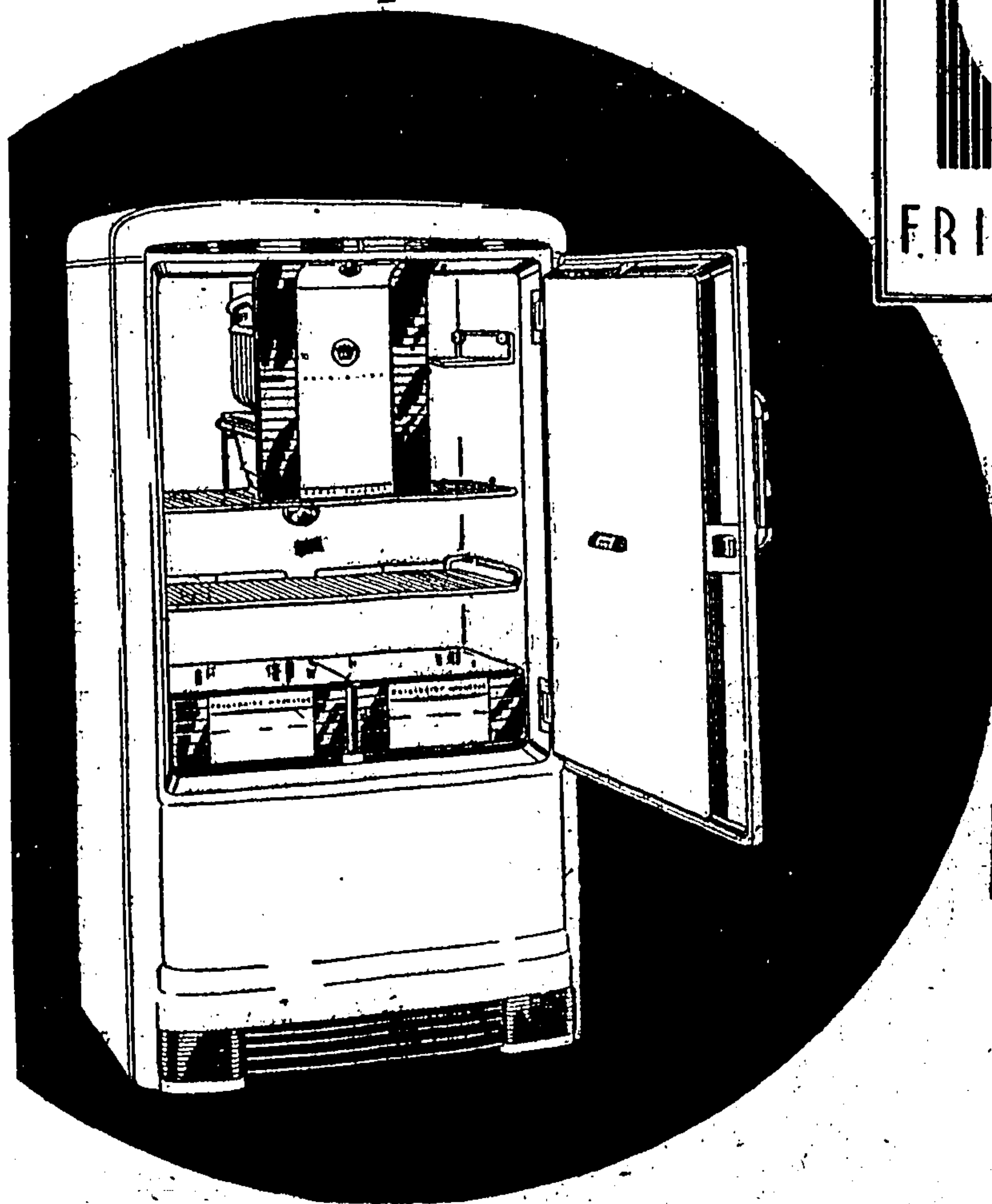


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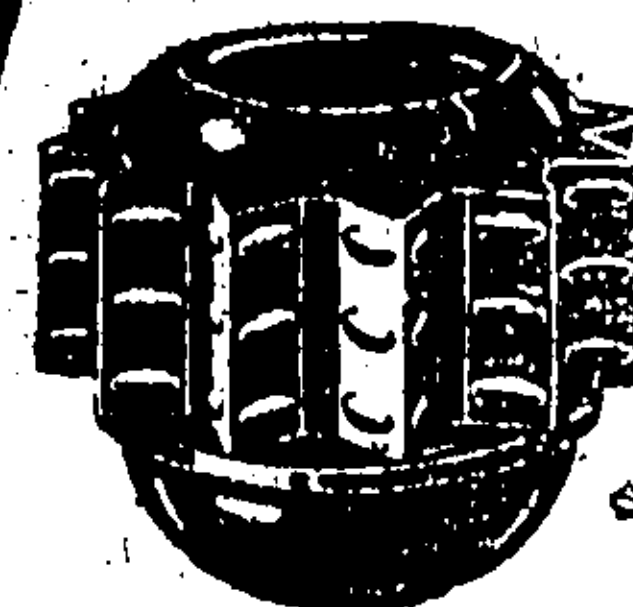
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V.C. FOR JERVIS BAY HERO

An unusual tribute to the unknown heroes, dead and living, of the "Jervis Bay" epic was paid in a supplement to the London Gazette issued last night.

After announcing a series of awards, including two George Crosses and nine George Medals, the Gazette adds:

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The "Jervis Bay" was the armed merchant cruiser which was sunk while protecting a convoy of 38 ships in mid-Atlantic last November against attack by a German raider.

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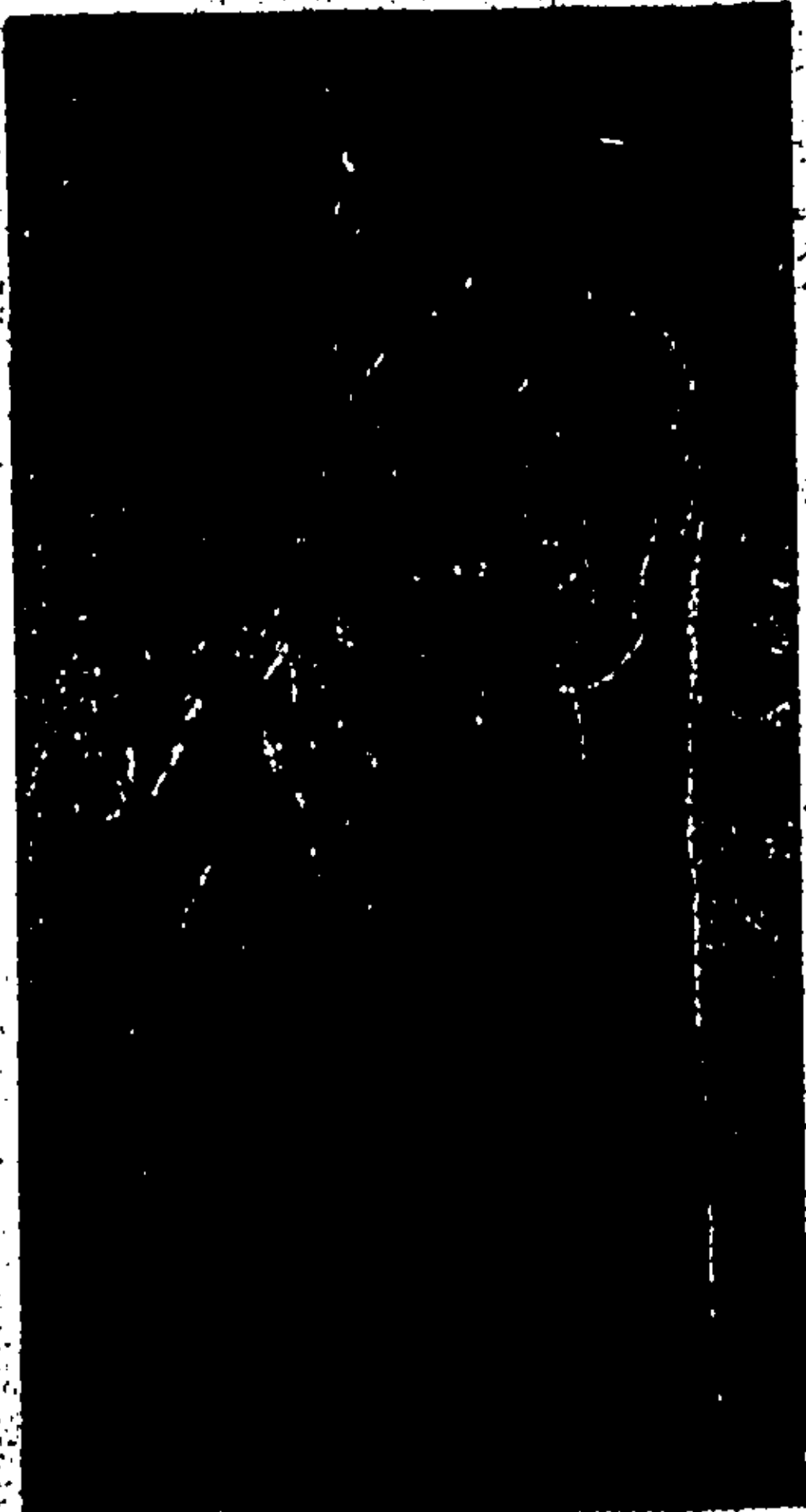
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Old Course	
2.12 p.m.	E. G. Price, F. N. Merritt.
2.16	Dodwell and Co. v Butterfield and Swire.
2.20	J. W. Glague, F. A. Howard.
2.24	P. M. Cotton, H. M. Rowland.
2.32	M. A. Annett, Col. Matthews.
SUNDAY	
Old Course	
9.16 a.m.	G. I. Harrington, Capt. Thursday.
9.20	H. Overy, A. H. McBride.
9.24	R. R. Pearson, J. W. El-Kee.
9.28	J. G. Jensen, M. A. Annett.
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10.32	M. L. Reidy, W. J. E. Mackenzie.
10.36	I. H. C. Highet, D. C. Davis.
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9.28	C. Austin, J. Hackney.
9.32	J. A. D. Morrison, I. H. Geare.
9.36	A. Mabb, P. V. McLane.
9.40	F. A. Redmond, R. Young.
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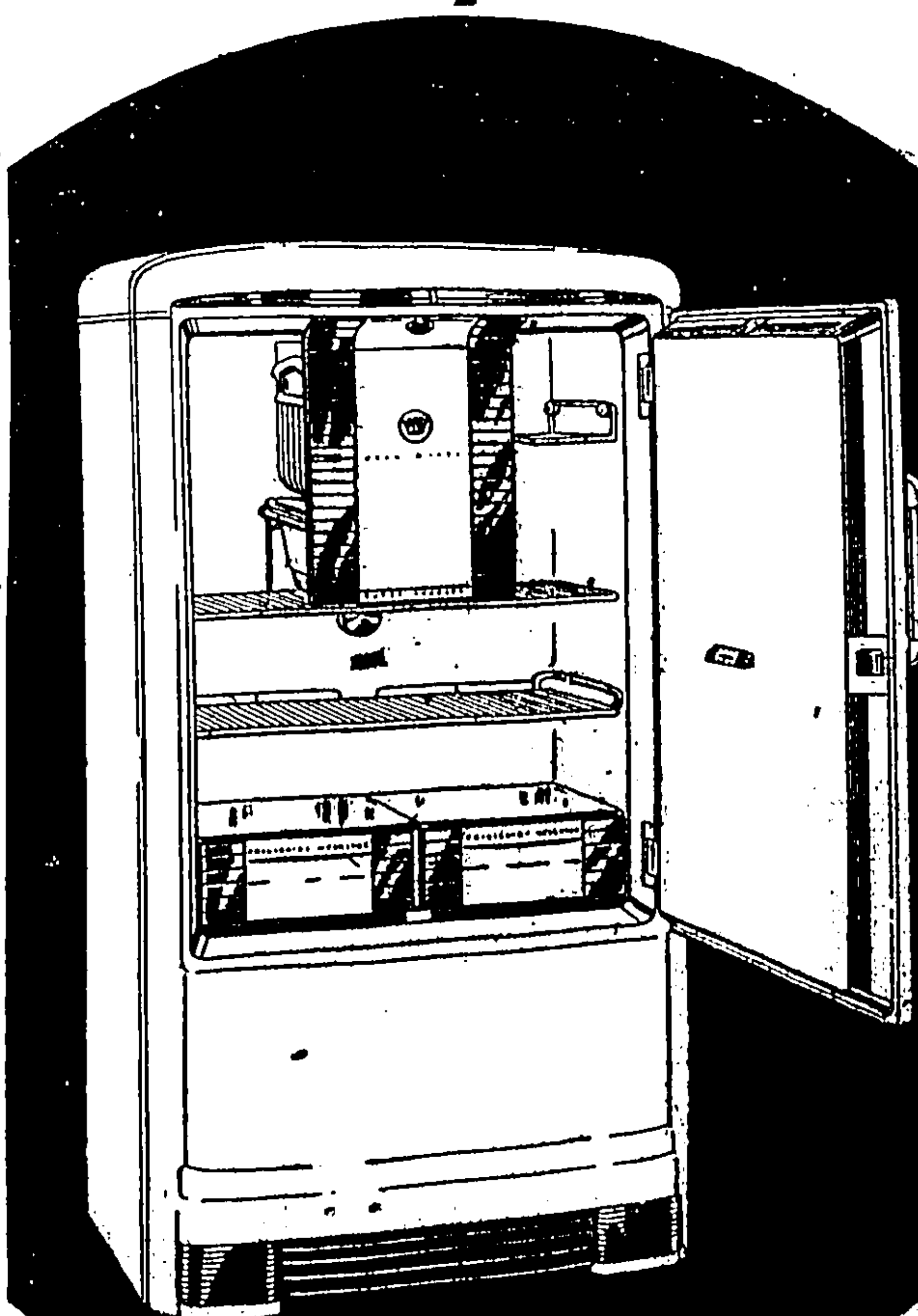
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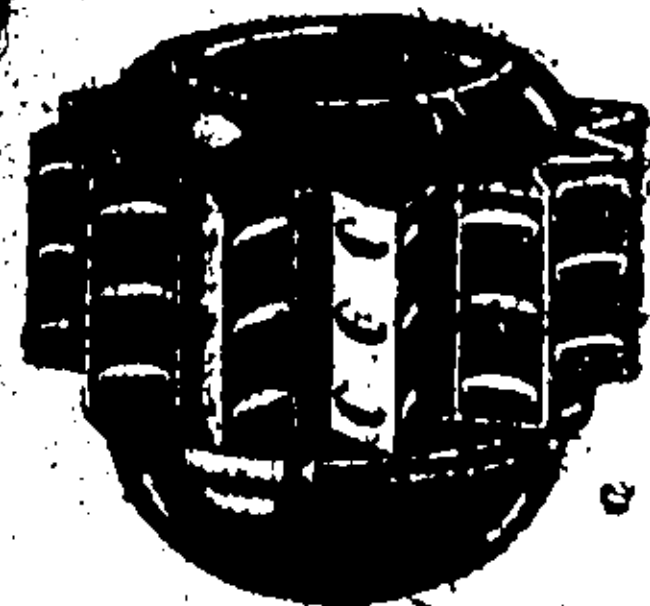
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78 MARRIES AT THE REGISTRY

An interesting marriage was solemnised this morning before the Deputy-Registrar of Marriages, Mr. J. Reynolds, between

LATEST GALLUP POLL

A sharp increase in American sentiment favouring aid for Britain is shown in the latest Gallup Poll which follows President Roosevelt's recent "fireside chat" and Message to Congress.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

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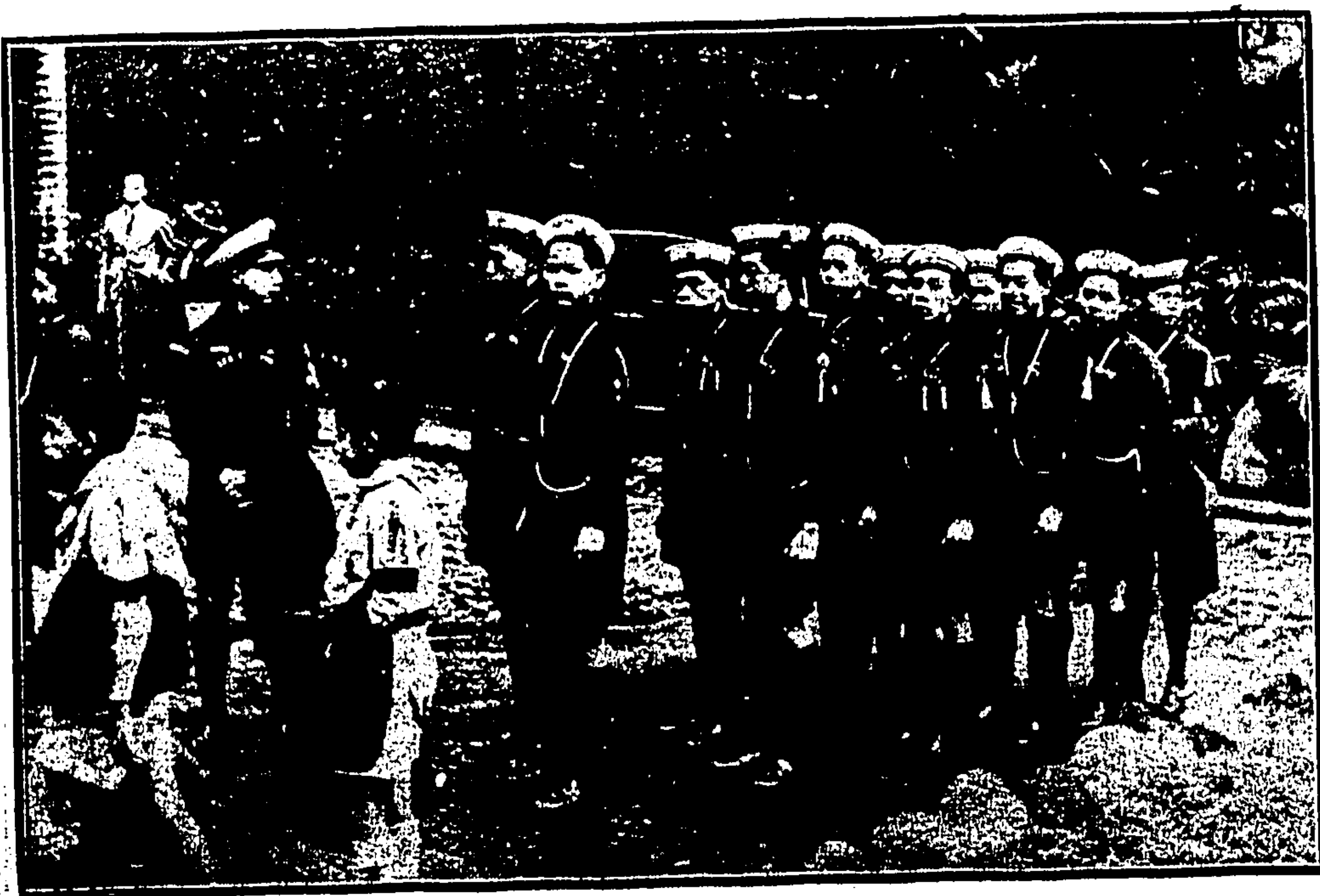
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Girl Guides lined up outside St. John's Cathedral before the Memorial Service for the late Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell.



Girl Guide officers and Mrs. Brooker, Assistant Commissioner (Cubs) at the Cathedral for the Memorial Service to the late Chief Scout, Lord Baden Powell.



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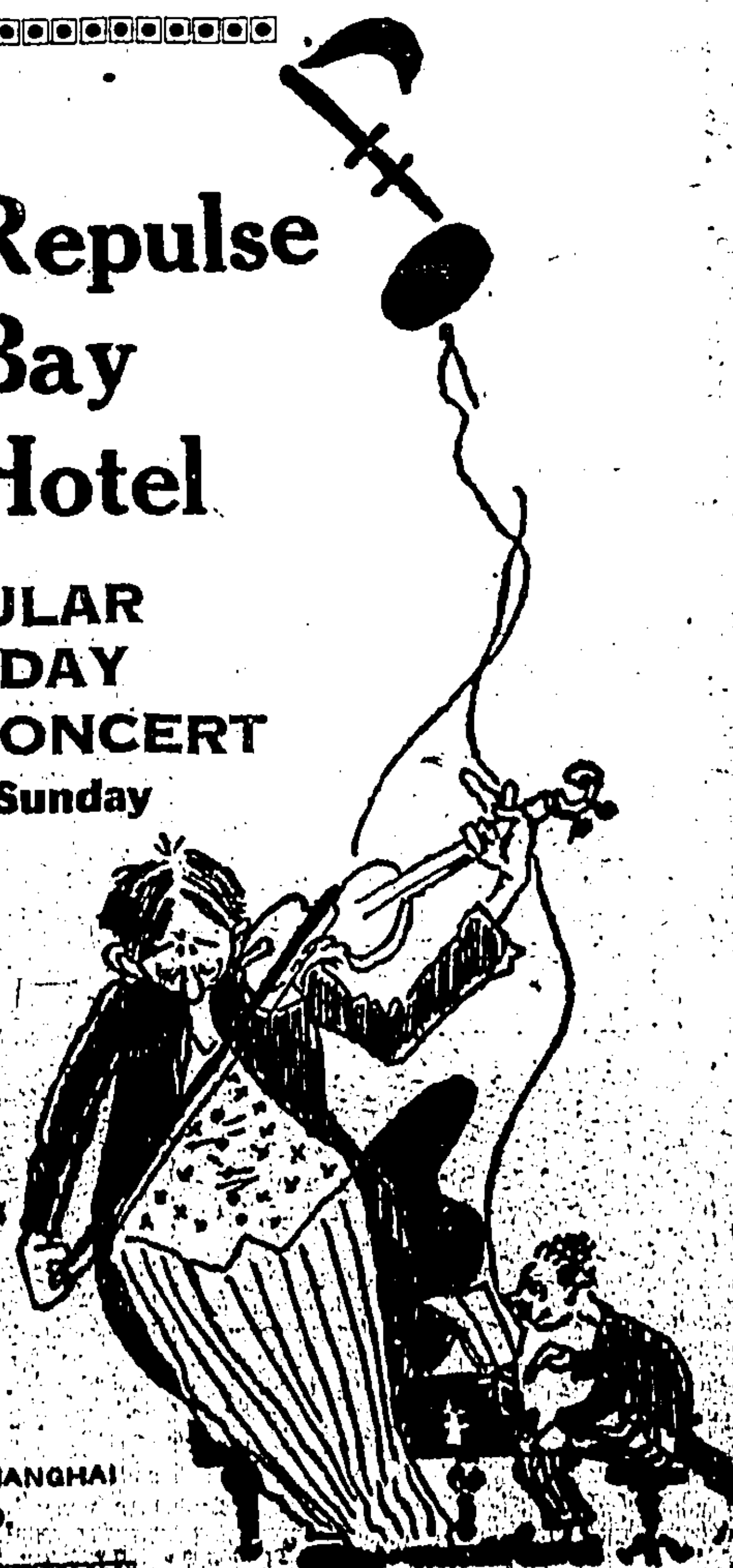
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SHORT STORY

THE CABINET

By Leslie Halward

ELI Watkins is the local carpenter and cabinet-maker, a little bow-legged man with a wart on his nose.

One evening he is walking along the street in the direction of the Ewe and Lamb when somebody draws his attention by tapping on the front-room window. Eli stops, and a moment later a door opens and Sally Perkins comes out on the pavement.

Sally is a buxom, red-headed girl about twenty-five, the daughter of old Josh Perkins, who is check-weighman at the nearby pit. Joe Burton has been courting Sally for nearly a year, and some are saying that it will not be long before they are setting up a home of their own. Joe, as Eli knows, is a good steady lad with a regular job at the iron foundry.

"Good evening, Mr. Watkins," Sally says. "I've been waiting half an hour for you to come up the street."

Eli's eyes twinkle and he cocks his head on one side. "It's a tidy while since any wench waited half an hour for me, but, mind you, if I was a bit younger..." he says.

Sally giggles. "You're as bad as ever you was, Mr. Watkins," she says. "and I don't suppose you'll ever get any better now." Then seriously: "I want you to do a bit of a job for me, Mr. Watkins," she says.

"A bit of a job?" he asks.

"I want you to make me a bit of a cabinet," she says. "You know, to keep a few crocks and things in. I don't want you to make any fuss of it. I want you to do it as cheap as you can. It's only to keep a few crocks and things in. You know the idea," she says.

"I know the sort of thing you mean. Have you got any measurements? I mean, how big do you want this here cabinet?" he asks.

"I ain't got no measurements. I don't want it very big," she says. She gives him a very rough idea of the size by waving her hands about. "You know—about that high and about that deep and about that far across," she says.

Eli chuckles. "It's as clear as mud what you want, but I'll do it for you. You ain't in a rush for a week or two, are you? 'Cos I'm proper stacked out with work," he says.

"No, I ain't in no rush for a week or two. I'll leave it to you. But you'll do it as cheap as you can, won't you?" she says.

"I don't suppose I shall hurt you," he says.

A fortnight passes, and, again on the way to the Ewe and Lamb, Eli is stopped by Sally.

"I suppose you ain't got that cabinet done yet?" she asks.

"No, I ain't. I told you I was stacked out with work. I ain't had a chance to get on to it yet," he says.

"That's a good job," she says. "Now, look here, you ain't going to tell me as you've took the order off me, are you?" he asks.

"No, I ain't going to tell you that. You don't suppose I'd go and

do a trick like that on you? I give the order and I'm relying on you to do the job. Only there's one or two alterations I want you to make," she says.

"Alterations? What do you want altered?" he asks.

Sally giggles. "Well, between me and you, Mr. Watkins, I told Joe about the cabinet, and he told me as I was to tell you as you was to make a real good job of it and he'd pay you for it," she says.

Eli pulls the ends of his moustache. "I see," he says.

"So you needn't bother about making it as cheap as all that. Make a good job of it, like Joe told me to tell you. You could make it a bit bigger, for one thing." She waves her hands about twice as far apart as when she previously gave the measurements. "You know—about that high, about that deep, and about that far across," she says.

Eli rubs his chin. "That'll make it a tidy piece of furniture. You'll want a thing that size to look a bit o' summat like. I could put some Queen Anne legs on it and a bit o' fancy work round the sides and along the top," he says.

"And I'd like some fancy knobs on the doors, and you could put some velvet on the shelves, blue I'd like, 'cos then it'd match the half tea service as Joe give me for my birthday. Joe'd like that."

Eli thinks for a while. "What you want to set it off proper is the glass doors leaded. It'd cost a bit, mind you," he says.

Sally clasps her hands together. "Oo! That'd make it a treat, wouldn't it! You do that for me, Mr. Watkins. You make the glass

doors as they're leaded. Joe won't mind about the price. He told me as I was to tell you to make a real good job of it," she says.

Eli becomes enthusiastic and half closes his eyes. "I'll make it out o' meecogany and put ball catches on the doors," he says.

"I'll leave that to you. I'll leave it to you to make a real smart job of it. You can send the bill in to Joe as soon as it's done. You know where he lives, don't you?" she asks.

"I know where he lives," he says.

thinks she looks agitated about something.

"Have you got that cabinet done yet?" she asks, as soon as she enters the shop.

"Now, look here, I told you as I was stacked out with work, and you told me as you wasn't in no hurry for it," he says.

"I know, but do you think you could get it done for this week-end without fail?" she asks.

Eli scratches his head and looks round his shop. "Well, I dare say I could if it was all that urgent," he says.

"It is urgent. I want you to get it done as soon as ever you can and send the bill in to Joe." She giggles and leans forward and whispers into his ear. "Between me and you, Mr. Watkins, we had a row last night, and I'm going to chuck him a-Sunday," she says.

THE LETTER

By T. Thompson

IT must be conceded that Absalom Yates (better known as Ab) was a trifle simple. He would not hurt a fly if he could help it, but he was certainly slow moving and Farmer Snape didn't hesitate to tell him about it. He cursed Ab over field and path, but Ab just pattered along at his own speed. "Tha's nobbut two speeds," said the farmer, "slow and stop." If Ab had been witty enough he might have said that he did as much as he got paid for. But Ab was not witty, and he just stared helplessly at the farmer until he quietened down, and then he went on with his work at the same speed. "It's a waste o' good breath talkin' to thee," said the farmer. And it was.

Nobody talked to Ab much. He was slow of speech and slower in thinking, so that in general conversation he was always left behind. About the farm he was regarded as the "mug." Everybody tried to take a rise out of him. If he was oversensitive he certainly did not show it, except that he never sought the companionship of his work mates. Give him a lonely job in the fields and he was well content. The flapping scarecrow on the ridge was good enough companion for him. At least the scarecrow left him alone. "They're bosom pals," affirmed the farmer. "Tha can hardly tell th' one fro t' other." He laughed until the tears came into his eyes. "Ah've never seen nowt to touch him," he added as he put his big red handkerchief into his pocket.

Every Thursday afternoon Ab asked if he might go down to the village. The farmer invariably replied that it made no difference whether he went or not, but he always managed to find enough errands to load Ab like a stallion donkey on his return. Ab might be slow, but he was willing. When he had done his errands he would dump his load outside the village post office, and after waiting until the shop was empty he would slink inside sheepishly. The post office was one of those village affairs where you could buy anything from shoelaces to butter, when there was any butter. When you opened the door the bell jangled raucously, and Ab always felt that he would like to run out again as soon as it began to peal.

The postmistress, Nancy Ince, was the only person who ever called him Mr. Yates. "That's right, Mr. Yates," she would say, as she handed over the stamp. "Writing home again?" Generally Ab would mutter "Aye" and shuffle out of the shop with Nancy's smile warming his heart all the way back to the farm. "Tha's taken th' time," the farmer would

said on Ab's return. "It tak's thee 'ell of a time to do a toothri arrands." Ab didn't mind what the farmer said. He got what he expected.

One Thursday afternoon the post-mistress said, "You don't come from these parts, Mr. Yates," and Ab said, "Naw," with a blush at being considered worthy of conversation. "Do you like round here?" added Nancy. "It's o' reet," said Ab.

"You don't mix much with the villagers?" she said.

"Ah'm none mich wi' company," said Ab.

"It must be lonely in the fields all day," said Nancy.

Ab found himself confronted with the job of analysing his position and incapable of doing it. He stared at Nancy with wide-opened eyes, and then he said, "Ah don't know."

"It'd be better with somebody to talk to," said Nancy.

"Ah don't know," repeated Ab.

"Surely it would," said Nancy.

"Ah'm none lonely in th' fields," said Ab. "Ah'm lonely in company."

"I should be lonely out there all day," said Nancy.

"Not if tha wor browt up to it," said Ab. "There's o' soarts in th' meadows... birds... an' trees... an' sichlike. There's allus summat fresh 'appenin' in th' meadows. Ah'm never lonely in th' meadows... not like Ah am in company. Things is matey in the meadows... if tha follows one... tha doesn't get any back talk."

"Farmer Snape's not too good to work for," said Nancy.

"Ah don't know," said Ab. "If Ah worn't doin' for him Ah should be doin' for somebody else. So it's as broad as long."

"He's a tight un," said Nancy.

"Aye," admitted Ab. "He win not part wi' a penny wheer a hawpenny'll do."

He turned towards the door. When the bell rang he closed it again and returned to the counter.

"Ah like comin' in here," he said. "It's omely."

Nancy smiled.

"Ah don't feel lonely in here," he added. "Like Ah do in company. It's like talkin' in th' meadows."

dows here, if tha follows me. Tha doesn't think Ah'm bein' simple, dost?"

"I'm always glad to see you, Mr. Yates," said Nancy.

"Ah can tell that," said Ab. "Or else Ah shouldna come. They han me for th' foo' up yon. It's not nice."

"Come in when you like, Mr. Yates," said Nancy.

"Every Thursday when Ah post me letter," said Ab. "Ah shouldn't like folks to talk."

"Never mind 'em," said Nancy with a laugh.

"Tha't not laughin' at me?" said Ab.

"Not I," said Nancy indignantly.

"Ah didn't think tha wor," said Ab apologetically, "but there's no harm in axin'."

"Not a bit," said Nancy.

"Ah'll be in again next Thursday," said Ab.

He turned away again.

"You're forgetting your letter," said Nancy, picking it up from the counter.

"By Gow," said Ab. "Ah'd forget me head if it wor loose."

"Haven't you made a mistake here?" said Nancy. "It's addressed to yourself."

Ab's ears turned red. "So it is," he said. "Ne'er mind. It'll ha' to do now. Ah haven't time to awter it."



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The Catholic Church & Hitler

By Warren Irvin

The attitude of the Papacy towards the German Reich or any other State can best be explained in terms of its function, which is essentially a simple one. The Pope is the head of an institution whose task it is so to guide men's lives in this world that they may attain to salvation in the next.

The Catholic Church considers it to be necessary for salvation to believe certain doctrines, to adopt a number of religious practices which follow from this belief, and to observe a definite moral code. She claims an exclusive right to teach these doctrines and to remind her subjects of the moral laws and she demands freedom for them to practice their religion externally, but she is indifferent to forms of government so long as these things are safeguarded.

Before National Socialism attained to power, the Papacy was not directly concerned. The German Bishops, acting in their proper sphere as guardians of Faith and Morals, condemned the doctrine of the new movement, notably in the instruction of the Bavarian Bishops to their clergy on February 11, 1931.

This attitude of the Bishops according to Wilhelm Solzbacher, was expressly approved by the Pope.

In their instruction they stated that they had no wish to discuss the political and governmental aims of National Socialism but were anxious about its cultural aims, which rejected the essentials of the Christian Faith, and its attempts to replace this by a new Weltanschauung view of the world; the Christianity of which the Nazis speak is not the Christianity of Christ.

The Concordat And Consistency

The success of the National Socialists in 1933 created a new situation but the attitude of the Pope and Bishops remained consistent.

The Concordat between the Church and the State was indeed a sign of their consistency; for it recognised the authority of the National Socialist government in its proper sphere while providing guarantees for the unhampered activity of the Church in spiritual affairs.

Far from compromising with National Socialism, it represented an attempt to bind the new rulers by treaty obligations, so that

the intrusion of the party into the religious sphere would be rendered more difficult.

It did not succeed in this aim, but since neither Pope nor Bishops had been under any illusions about the dangerous tendencies in National Socialism, they were not unprepared for the struggle which followed.

During the troubled years since 1933, the Papal policy has remained constant. A perfectly correct attitude towards the government has been maintained, because in spite of Nazi faithlessness there is no essential incompatibility between the existence of a totalitarian government and the continued mission of the Church.

But each particular interference with the Church's mission, every breach of the Concordat, has met with resistance and protest. And National Socialist doctrine has been condemned in the most uncompromising fashion.

For the Papacy, as for the Catholic Church, false doctrine, the advocacy of a way of life contrary to Christian teaching, is infinitely more dangerous than the worst political tyranny. Naturally she deplores the effects of such tyranny, especially in the religious sphere, but it is not her task to remove tyrants, while it is pre-eminently her task to maintain purity of doctrine.

Papal Protests

The frequent protests of the Popes against the persecution in Germany are well-known.

Three times in 1934, Pope Pius XI spoke of the sacrifices German Catholics were making for their religion. In 1935 he used the word "persecution" for the first time in reference to events in Germany and spoke of attempts to destroy Christianity and to lead the nation back to barbarism. Later in the year he spoke of a struggle against God and Jesus Christ.

Amongst many other protests, the Pope, at Christmas 1937 insisted on the reality of the persecution and rejected categorically

all attempts to deny it or make it appear milder than it really was; there had rarely been such a fierce and painful persecution or one so tragic in its effects.

The Papal utterances of 1938 were largely repetitions of earlier statements.

All these are examples of the Pope's anxiety that the faithful should be allowed to practice their religion and listen to the teaching of the Church. But the condemnations of National Socialist doctrine and the assertions of the Church's right to judge on faith and morals are much stronger and leave not the slightest doubt about the incompatibility of Catholicism and National Socialism.

No Compromise

The National Socialist faith, opposed to the Christian, received its most authentic exposition in Rosenberg's *Mythus des zwanzigsten Jahrhunderts* (The Twentieth-Century Myth). This work was placed on the index of forbidden books on February 7, 1934. Since the Nazis claimed that this was a private work when they were attempting to win over Catholic support, they could not regard this act as directed against the government.

Nevertheless the solemnity of such a condemnation on the one hand and the consistent support which Rosenberg received from the Nazi leaders on the other clearly indicate the fundamental opposition between the Papacy and the National Socialists. Neither side is prepared to compromise on the question of Faith.

On numerous occasions Pope Pius XI insisted on the anti-Christian character of National Socialist ideas. On February 24, 1934, he said that racial pride had expressed itself in ideas and teaching to a degree that was neither Christian nor human.

On April 5, he described National Socialism as not only false Christianity but as veritable heathenism.

Particularly strong are the words of the present Pope, then Cardinal Secretary of State, in a letter to Cardinal Schulte of Cologne on March 17, 1935. As the Catholic Press still had some freedom at that time in Germany it was possible to publish this letter in the *Kölnische Volkszeitung*.

Encouraging the Archbishop to resist the persecutors of the Church, he speaks of the blindness of this new heathenism and says that the Nazis are preaching a new Faith and a new Gospel which is not the Gospel of Christ.

While Rosenberg was attacking the Pope before a gathering of State and Party officials on September 6, 1938, Pius XI was calling attention to the words of the Mass in which Abraham is called "our patriarch"; anti-semitism, he said, was incompatible with this text and Christians could not be anti-Semites.

On the occasion of Hitler's visit to Rome in May, 1938, the Pope described the swastika as another cross "that is not the Cross of Christ" and, later on in the year he called it a cross "hostile to the Cross of Christ."

The Papal View Stated

The classic document containing the Papal attitude to National Socialism are however the encyclical *Mit brennender Sorge* (With Burning Grief) of March 14, 1937, and the instruction given to the rectors of Catholic universities and seminaries on April 13, 1938.

"Morality, the Pope says, must be based on the will of God and on a true belief in Him, not on the changeable opinions of men. He insists also on the recognition of the natural law, made manifest by human reason, the rejection of which must mean the destruction of all order and social organisation.

The publication of the encyclical represents a climax in the history of the relations between the Church and the Third Reich. During the three and a half years that have passed since then little has been said because little needed to be said. No one who reads *Mit brennender Sorge* can have any doubt about the uncompromising attitude of the Papacy towards National Socialism as a philosophy of life which is completely irreconcilable with that of the Catholic Church.

The second of these is particularly valuable in that it is exclusively concerned with Nazi errors in faith and morals. It is indicative of the serious and widespread nature of these errors that a Roman Congregation (of Seminaries and Universities) under the personal presidency of the Pope should consider it necessary to condemn the errors of racialism in a letter addressed to Catholic educational institutions throughout the world. It was also suitably timed, being made known to the public on the day of Hitler's solemn entry into Rome. The Holy Father, after making a particular reference to Germany, speaks of "pernicious doctrines" and instructs lecturers to refute certain "completely erroneous assertions."

These include the claim that there is a fundamental diversity of human races, that the strength of race and purity of blood are supreme ends and love of race the highest good, that mankind is merely an aspect of the Cosmos and that the individual lives only through and for the State. Other propositions, it is stated, could easily be added to these.

Mit brennender Sorge is a remarkable document. Instead of being written in Latin it is written in German, and indeed in a German so powerful and direct that it defies adequate translation; it was published in Germany and read simultaneously from the pulpits of every Catholic Church in that country as a result of a secret organisation which proved itself to be too clever even for the ubiquitous Gestapo to discover.

Where Nazism Offends

In this Encyclical Pope Pius demanded first "pure belief in God." He condemned those who identify God with the world, who reduced Him to a mere impersonal Fate or who give to the race, nation or State the highest rank in the scale of values.

He insisted on the unity of the human race.

He protested against the Nazis' abuse of sacred terms and ideas. In this lies one of the most dangerous aspects of National Socialism, in that it takes over words which have a definite meaning in Christian theology and gives to them an entirely new sense, deceiving the faithful at first and finally leading them to a wholly false belief.

Hitler's appeals to Providence and his constant harping on the "immortality" of the German Reich are well-known.

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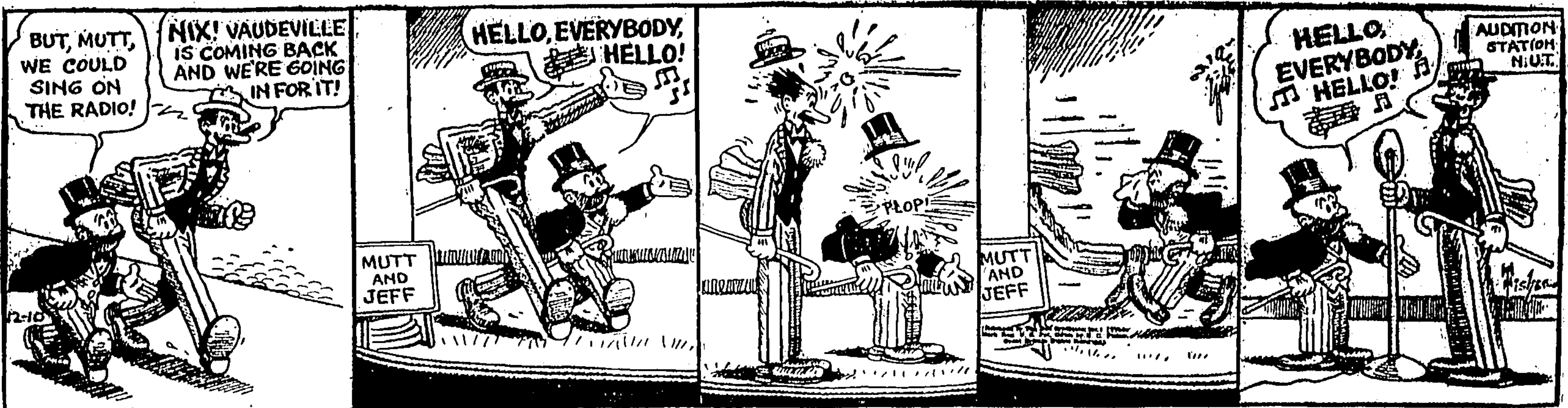
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Matron Can Wear Chic Hats

THREE is a young hat designer in New York named Eve Tartar who is convinced that matrons of middle-age or more can wear the same hats that very young matrons can wear. "If a woman keeps her face youthful, and dresses her hair simply but smartly, she can wear any hat I design with the exception of the frivolities which debauch clamour for. I don't care if her measurements have increased as years passed—a woman can still look most attractive in even an extreme hat, if she has an alert, well-cared for face beneath it!"



A younger and older matron model a creation of EVE TARTAR'S to demonstrate that a smart hat becomes all ages.

And just to prove her point, Miss Tartar photographed for me a young woman in her twenties, and an older woman in her fifties wearing the identical hat! It was a velvet pillbox in a rich red with a stiffened, stream-lined velvet bow shooting diagonally and rakishly in the air. The younger woman had her hair dressed in the popular pompadour fashion with back hair hanging low. The older woman had her hair dressed high and simply. Both looked stunning in the hat and one would not class it as a "matron's hat" at all. It was simply a stunning hat with a fashionable air all its own.

What Older Woman Should Do

Older women get timid as the years pass and they are likely to draw into a shell and begin looking very drab, even though they buy new clothes each season. A woman should never feel old and she should never look drab!

Your hair may be gray, graying or white, but that is no excuse for feeling you are an old woman! Your skin can be beautiful, if you care for it, and your eyes and colouring can take on new glamour by carefully selecting beautiful colour shades which flatter you a great deal. There is no sin in looking as beautiful as you can—in fact it is every woman's social duty to look beautiful.

Earrings can be so flattering to the older woman. They can be inexpensive earrings or very valuable ones—it doesn't matter. What does matter is their shape and colouring. The button earring is stylish for daytime wear but the longer earrings, not too ornate, are growing very much in favour for gala evenings. A combination of rhinestone and pearl, or pearl and sapphire or other semi-precious stones are most decorative. If your costume is plain and simple, take a few moments, if you are of this age group, and model a few styles before a mirror at a jewellery counter. Surprise the family with a bit of glamour!

Then let me harp on colour again! Don't be afraid to wear the most vivid colours if they are becoming. If a colour is harsh looking, wear your face then do not wear it, but if a colour brightens your face and eyes then wear it as often as you can! If your hair has grayed you will discover

that you can wear colours which you could not previously wear.

Highlight your personality by wearing pretty materials, lovely colours and jewellery. Don't go "fancy," but do be decorative! And when you next go to buy a hat don't ask for "a matron's hat

please," or you will be shown something so drab and conservative that when you wear it no one will know it is a new bonnet. Go into the shop and ask for a "smart hat with colour," and take an alert face in with you! Every friend will compliment you on your choice!

Wave Must Be Treated With Oil

EVEN the best hairdressers will tell you that there is no certainty how hair will react to a permanent wave. Your head might be one of those exceptions which comes out from the waving process in a dry, frizz—it can happen to anyone! But fortunately such a mishap may be righted through proper treatment.

Oil, and more oil, is the remedy for hair that is too dry and frizzy. At least once a week apply hot olive oil to your scalp with absorbent cotton by parting the hair systematically. Then take some of the heated oil in each palm and rub the frizzed ends with both hands. Tie up your hair in a cap, or wear a loose shower cap, to allow the oil to soak the hair overnight.

The next morning you should rinse your head in cold water before soaping. Then draw a basin of quite hot water and shampoo your head with a liquid soap. Rinse it with clear warm water and repeat the soappings three times. After the last soaping rinse your hair very thoroughly.

You will find that after even three soappings a little of the olive oil clings to your hair—which is good. Brush your hair dry in the sunshine if possible (with a clean brush) and allow three or four hours to elapse before you set your hair or go to the hairdresser to have it set. Then give it a second good brushing and massage the scalp with your finger tips to encourage the natural oil to flow.

Shampoo And Hair Dress.

It is imperative that you do not use a prepared shampoo that is

too astringent or too stripping. If you are in doubt about which to use buy a bar of the best castile soap, shave it into a quart jar with a screw cap and melt it with hot water. This should serve you for at least six thorough shampoos.

If you feel you need some dressing for your hair, when you set it, experiment with one of those premade hair creams which may be applied when the hair is wet, or brushed onto dry hair after it has been set. I suggest that you have your hair set with water only and the day after apply a little of pomade hair dressing by brushing it on. Take a minimum amount of the cream on a finger tip and rub it over the bristles of your brush. Then brush your hair. Just a very little bit should be sufficient to add a gloss to your hair and to make it appear less dry.

Reconditioning Oils

If you have not the time for the treatment suggested above, you should resort to one of the reconditioning oils, which may be applied heated to the scalp and hair, and then steamed by a machine for ten or fifteen minutes while you are in the salon.

This steam is followed by a shampoo and if you are a wise beauty you will take time to dry your hair thoroughly after the shampoo, and get a good ten minute brushing before having your hair set with water. It is surprising how this truly does add to the lustre and beauty of your hair and even the fastest of women can spend an extra twenty minutes if her hair is in pretty much of a mess from a too-drying permanent wave!

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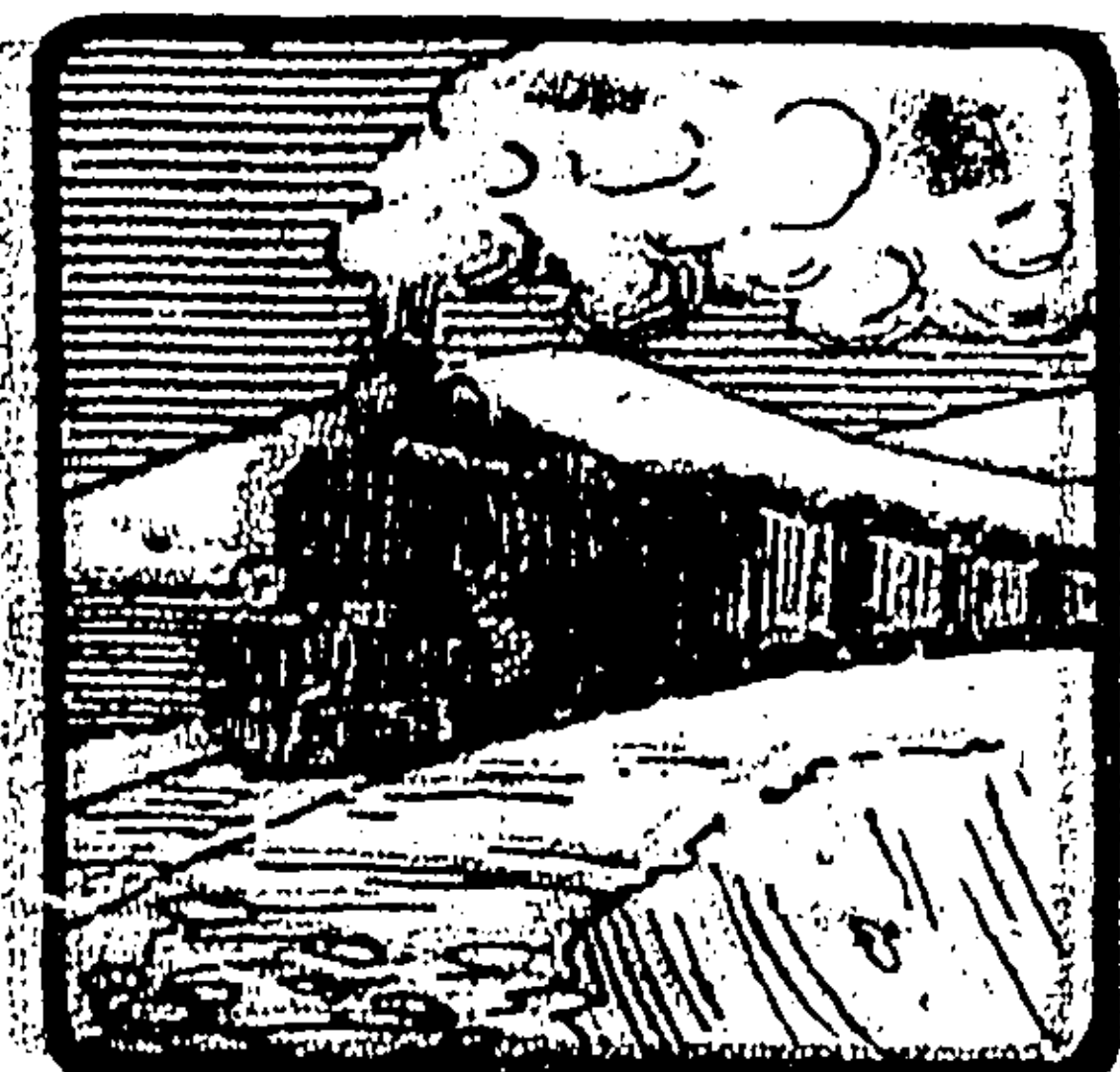
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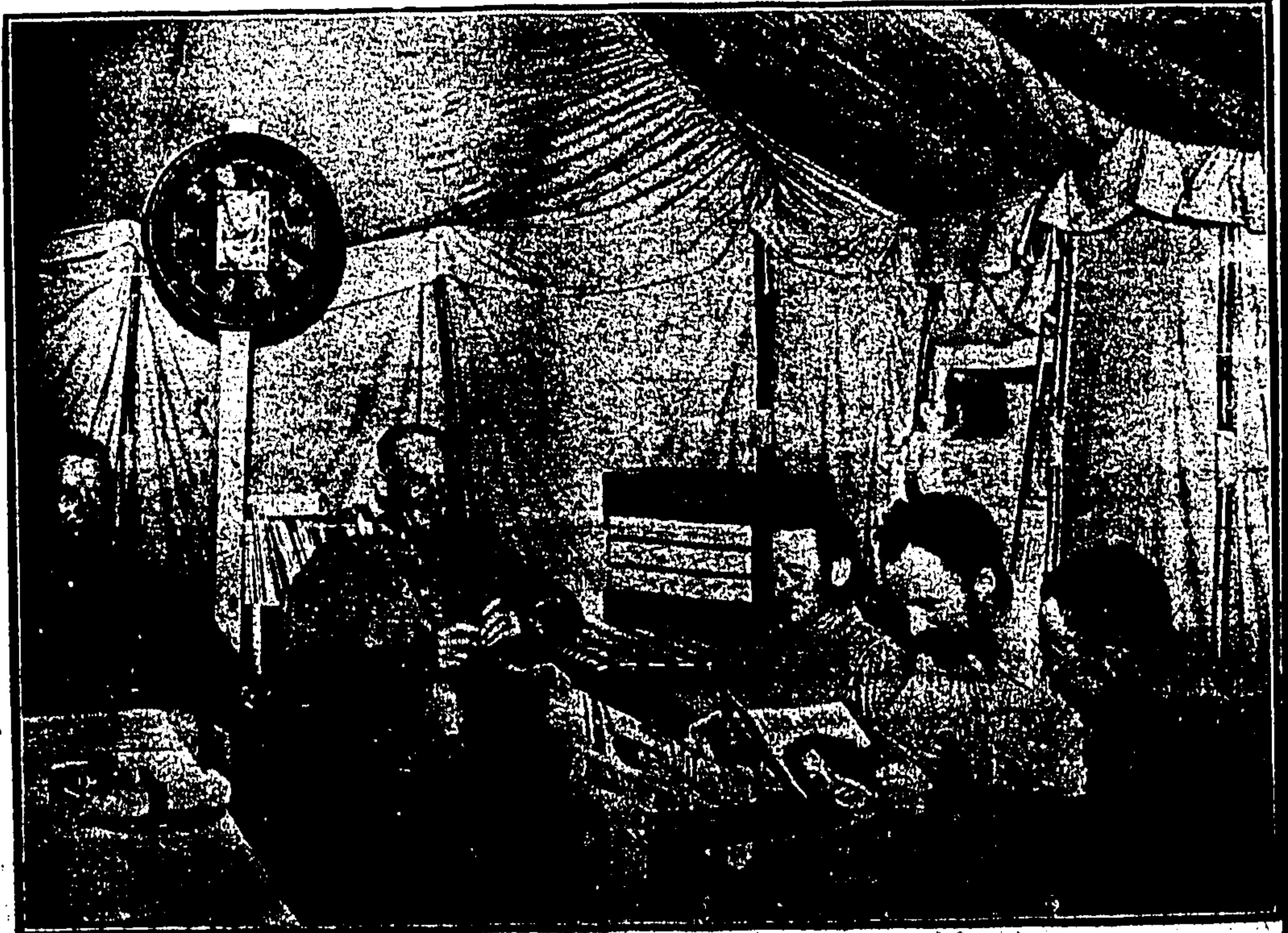
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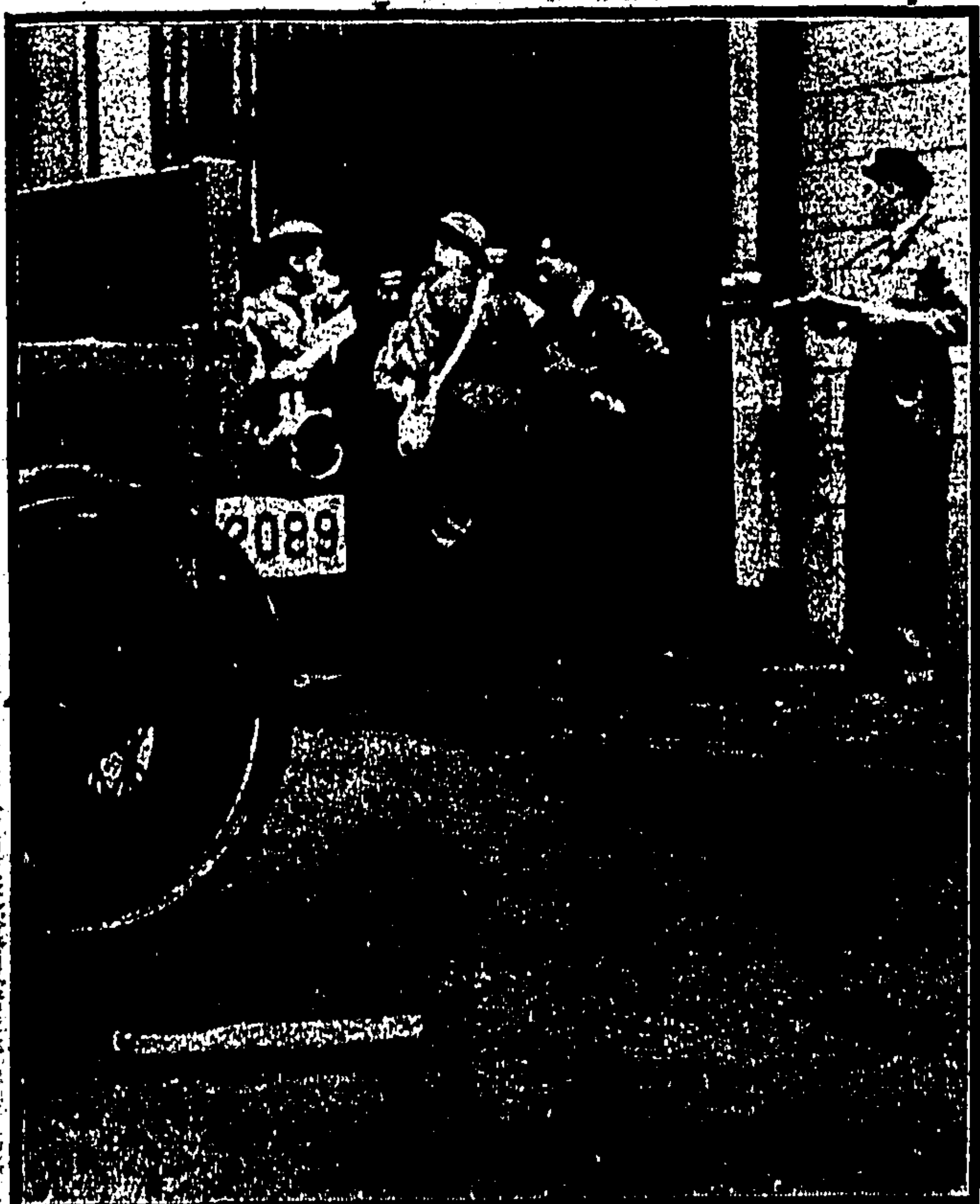
His Excellency the Acting Governor arriving at St. John's Cathedral for the Centenary Service on Sunday.



Mr. A. H. Veltman, Mr. J. Moodie and Wing-Commander A. H. Steele-Perkins, Director of A. R. P., snapped during the Tsimshatsui "B" Division Communication Exercises.



With an Indian Division in the Western Desert. An officers' Mess.



A scene during Sunday's A.R.P. competition in Kowloon.



Famous Territorial Regiments have become anti-aircraft units, and are now playing an important part in the defence of London. The picture shows a crew at breech-loading exercise during a refresher course.